

Reception

Celebrations & Festivals

Autumn 2



What is a celebration?	How do people celebrate Diwali?	How do people celebrate birthdays?
Why do people celebrate Christmas?	How do people celebrate Christmas around the world?	What is similar and different about Diwali and Christmas?

Key Knowledge - Diwali

Diwali is a Hindu festival to celebrate good over evil. Many Hindus go to the temple to celebrate Diwali. Some people celebrate Diwali by lighting diva lamps, having rangoli patterns and decorating their hands with mehndi patterns.



mandir



Rangoli



diva lamp



mehndi

Key Vocabulary

celebration	Hindu	harvest
festival	diva lamp	Giving
festive	temple	Change
traditions	henna	Seasons
decorations	Rama	Autumn
fireworks	Sita	Winter
Bonfire night	Hanuman	Hibernate
Diwali	Ravana	

birthday
decorations
cake
invitations
candles
gifts
presents

Nativity
Jesus
Mary
Joseph
wise men
shepherds
angel Gabriel
manger
stable

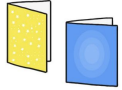
Christmas
Santa
Reindeer
Elf
Christmas
tree
Turkey
Mince pie

Key Knowledge - Birthdays

Birthdays celebrate the day that someone was born. People can celebrate birthdays with a party. They sometimes receive cards and presents.



presents



cards

Key Knowledge - Christmas

Christmas is traditionally a Christian festival to celebrate when Jesus was born. Some people celebrate Christmas by putting up lights and decorations around their home and giving and receiving gifts and cards. People eat special foods at Christmas, such as mince pies and turkey. Many Christians go to church to celebrate Christmas. All around the world, Christmas is celebrated in different ways. Some people believe that Santa brings gifts to children.



mince pie



turkey



Santa

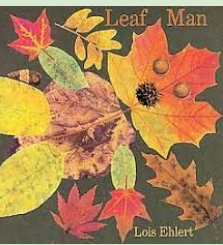


Christmas tree

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What is a season?

How many seasons are there?

How does the weather change?

Why do the days get darker?

What do we celebrate during these seasons?

What changes happen in Autumn and Winter?

Key Knowledge- Autumn

Autumn is one of the four seasons. It is a time where: the weather turns colder and we see things like leaves turning brown; leaves, pinecones and conkers begin falling off the tree and the sky starts getting darker earlier.

In autumn some people celebrate Harvest Festival. This is a time where Christians thank God for all the good things He gives them. It is a time of sharing and giving to those who are not so fortunate. This is also the time of year we remember those who have fought in wars, we call this 'remembrance day'.

Key Knowledge- Winter

Winter is another time of year and one of the four seasons. The weather is cold and sometimes we may see snow or frost. There are no longer any leaves on the trees, the mornings are darker and the sun sets earlier. We have to wear clothes that will keep us warm.

Key Knowledge-other celebrations

Other festivals are celebrated during autumn such as bonfire night where people watch fireworks displays and have bonfires. Winter is the time in which Christians celebrate Christmas.

Key Vocabulary

season
Changes
weather
harvest
thankful
pumpkin
rake
scarecrow
fox
corn

autumn
leaves
acorns
conkers
pinecones
red
Brown
orange
yellow
tractor

remembrance
poppies
reflect
fireworks
bonfire



winter
snowflake
cold
Freeze
Ice
Icicle
Snow
Frost
freeze

dark
hibernate
blizzard
coat
gloves
wooly hat
boots
Snowballs
snowman

