

Unit C1.5 Why are festivals important?

Prior learning in Reception

Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country.



Key Questions

How do we celebrate special occasions?
Why is Harvest Festival important to Christians?
What happens at Sukkot and why is this important to Jews?
What happens during the holy month of Ramadan and the celebration of Eid al-Fitr?
How do Hindus prepare to celebrate Diwali?
How do Sikhs celebrate Bandi Chhor Divas at Diwali?
How do people and communities choose to celebrate?

Transferable Question

Are religions important to everyone?

Key Learning

Celebrations help to mark and remember special times.
Christians celebrate Harvest Festival by showing gratitude and giving to others.
At the festival of Sukkot, Jewish people build shelters and remember the story of Moses in the desert.
Muslims celebrate Eid at the end of the month of fasting during Ramadan.
Hindus and Sikhs celebrate Diwali with diva lights and fireworks. Hindus remember the story of Rama and Sita. Sikhs remember the story of Guru Hargobind.
Religious and non-religious celebrations may include candles, gifts and special food.



Key vocabulary

Christian, Harvest Festival, Jewish people, Sukkot, shelter, Ramadan, fasting, Eid, Hindu, Diwali, diva, Sikh, Guru Hargobind, Bandi Chhor Divas
Other vocabulary: gift, celebration, special occasion, gratitude, preparation, invitation, decoration

