

Festivals



Key vocabulary and definitions

Bonfire Night- Bonfire Night is celebrated on 5th November of every year.

Guy Fawkes- A man who tried to blow up the houses of parliament because he thought that the government were treating Roman Catholics unfairly.

Fire Safety Rules - What we need to do around fireworks/ bonfires to keep safe.

Remembrance Day Remembrance Day (in Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom) is a day to remember people who fought and died in wars.

Diwali- Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights

Rama and Sita- A good man, called Rama, was married to a beautiful princess, called Sita. One of the main stories in Hinduism.

Hinduism-a religion that lots of people follow

Winter- In winter, the weather is much colder. Sometimes it is cold enough to freeze, leaving frost and ice on the ground. It sometimes snows. Many trees have bare branches as all their leaves have fallen off. The daytimes are the shortest in the year and the night times are the longest.

Ice- frozen water

Arctic- relating to the regions around the North Pole.

Focus Texts

The story of Rama and Sita- We will look at this text whilst learning about Diwali, we will role play this story and look at the characters in the story.

Stickman- We will look at stickman and think about where he is, what changes are happening around him? What season is it?

The Christmas Story- We will look at this story to learn about why we celebrate Christmas

Aladdin- We will look at this story around the time of the Pantomime to think about what is happening in the story to help us feel comfortable when we are watching the pantomime.

Other texts for story time -

How big is a million?

Cuddly Dudley

Penguins can't fly

poems about Winter,

The snowflake mistake,

One snowy night

Kippers snow day,

Foundation 2

Arctic Animals- Reindeer, polar bear, Arctic fox, narwhal, walrus, seal, ox, moose, orca, and snowy owl.

Christmas- Christmas is a Christian holy day that marks the birth of Jesus, who Christians believe to be the Son of God

Jesus - a very special baby

The Christmas Story- The story of Jesus being born

Christingle- Over the Christmas period, many Christian churches hold special services where children light candles stuck into oranges. These special candles are called Christingles.

Advent- Advent is the period which leads up to Christmas.

The Gruffalos child

Big ideas we want to explore

Week 1- Why do we celebrate Bonfire Night? How do we celebrate Bonfire Night? Who was Guy Fawkes? How do we keep safe around fireworks and fires?

Week 2- What is Remembrance Day? Who do we have a minute silence in school? What is a war? Why do we see people wearing poppies? What is Diwali? Who are Rama and Sita? Who celebrates Diwali? How do people celebrate Diwali?

Week 3- What is winter? What changes happen in winter? What does hibernate mean?

What animals live in ice and snow? Where is the arctic? How do animals keep warm in the winter? What transport is used in the ice and snow? Why does ice melt?

Week 4- Why do we celebrate Christmas? What happens in the Christmas story?

Week 5- How is Christmas Celebrated around the world? How do I celebrate Christmas in my house? What happens in the story of Aladdin?