

Reception Autumn 2 Learning Organiser: Festivals and Celebrations

Welcome to Autumn 2. This term, our topic is 'Festivals and Celebrations' and this learning organiser is to help support your child and ask them questions about their learning in school. If you would like to continue the learning journey at home, please see some ideas below and upload any ideas to Tapestry or bring in work completed at home to share with the class.

Key Questions

Why do we celebrate bonfire night?

How do we keep safe on bonfire night?

Who do we remember on Remembrance day and why?

Did you know that poppies are the symbol of Remembrance Day because they were the first flower to grow in Flanders Fields after WW2?

What is a birthday and why do we celebrate it?

Can you tell me the date of your birthday?

Can you tell us different ways people celebrate their birthdays all around the world?

Did you know that the King has two birthdays? One is his official birthday (the day that he was born) 14th November and the other is in June.

Can you remember the nativity story?

Do you know why we celebrate Christmas?

How do Christians prepare for Christmas?

Home Learning Challenges:

Talk about when Bonfire/Guy Fawkes Night is.

Create a bonfire or firework picture.

Watch the following clip with your child and discuss the importance of staying safe (Fireman Sam - Being Safe: Fireworks!):

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijxtJwA5GKQ

Talk to your child about their birthday: When is your birthday? What is the month and the date of your birthday?

Look at the numbers on an advent calendar together—count up to Christmas Day.

Write some Christmas cards together to family and friends.

Vocabulary

Autumn

Conker

Acorn

Fir Cone

Halloween

Houses of Parliament

Gunpowder

Plotting

Soldiers

Poppies

Months of the year

Celebrations / Parties

Ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc.)

Hanukah

Menorah

Church

Vicar

Advent

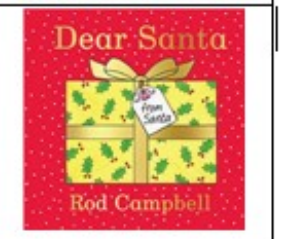
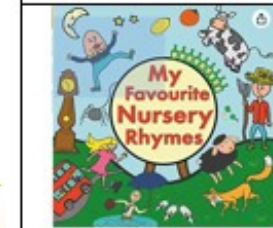
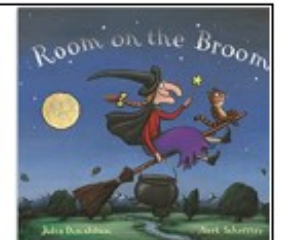
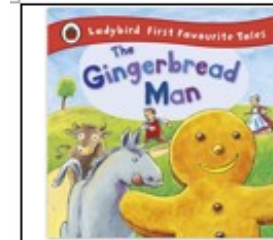
Jesus

Christianity

Nativity



Key Texts



Key Vocabulary	Meaning/definition
Autumn	the season before winter
Conker	a hard shiny dark brown nut which is grown on trees.
Acorn	the fruit of an oak tree.
Frozen	something that has turned into ice because of the extreme cold.
Bonfire night:	a festival on 5th November in memory of the Gunpowder plot.
Fireworks:	a device containing gunpowder which causes colourful explosions
Remembrance Day:	in memory of soldiers who were killed in the war.
Poppy	a red flower, the first flower to grow in Flanders' Fields.
Hanukkah:	a Jewish festival of lights.
Menorah:	a candelabrum of nine branches
Nativity:	the Christmas Story in the bible.
Jesus:	the son of God born on Christmas Day

Communication & Language :

- Vocabulary Ninja– word of the day.
- Drama and role-play retelling stories
- Show and Tell
- Questions: Who? What? When? Where? How?



Mathematics:

- Month of the Year
- Birthdays
- Days of the Week
- Cardinal Numbers



White Rose Maths

Phase 2: It's Me 1, 2, 3

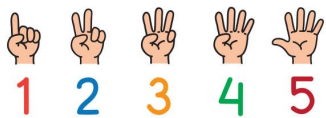
- Positional Language

Phase 3: Light and Dark

- Representing Numbers to 5
- Composition of 4,5
- Shape with 4 sides
- Time

Phase 4: Alive in 5!

- Introducing 0
- Comparison to 5
- Composition to 5



Physical Development:

- Fine Motor activities-What can you do with your hands? Threading, rolling, sewing, cutting
- Funky finger activities
- Pencil grip and Letter Formation
- PE – Gymnastics
- GoNoodle/Cosmic Yoga/Jump Start Johnny
- Bikes/Trikes
- Brain Gym
- Outdoor Climbing/Play Equipment



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Festivals and Celebrations

Literacy:

- Fiction and Non-Fiction Books
- The Gingerbread Man
- Stickman
- Traditional Tales
- Poetry
- Writing labels
- Writing captions
- Writing a Christmas list
- Floppy's Phonics



Expressive Arts and Design:

- Charanga Music– My Stories
- Autumn Leaf Sketch
- Autumn leaf rubbings
- Firework Pictures
- Diwali Lamps—remove?
- 'Poppy Making
- Gingerbread Men
- Star of David' craft
- Card Making
- Christmas Craft

Personal Social &

Emotional Development:

- Revise Class Charter
- Jigsaw: Celebrating Difference
- Talk Partners
- Circle Time Games
- Learning Powers
- Growth Mind-Set Activities
- Lets Explore - Choosing System



Understanding the World:

- Signs of Autumn
- Autumn Walk/Scavenger Hunt
- Halloween
- Diwali—we've missed this?? Remove
- Guy Fawkes/Bonfire Night
- Festival of Remembrance
- Birthdays
- Hanukah
- Nativity Story
- Advent
- Christmas Traditions
- Discovery RE: Christmas
- A leafless Stick investigation