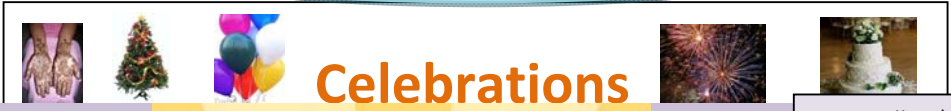


Reception children's ideas about 'Celebrations' include: Eid – special clothes, song, Fireworks – family, colours, fire, noise, Chinese new year, Halloween, Christmas – Father Christmas, reindeer, Birthday – party poppers, cake, food, presents, and PARTIES!



Celebrations



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Talking about own experiences of special days
- Looking at special clothes, food and traditions
- Talking about presents and the importance of giving rather than receiving them
- Keeping ourselves safe in the local area and with fireworks

Adult-led outcomes:

- To use photos / special objects to identify the special days of self and others

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

- Learning about Halloween, Eid, Bonfire night, Diwali, Christmas, and Chinese new year
- Finding out about different religious celebrations / weddings in club
- Looking at different light sources – the sun, candles, and fireworks

Adult-led outcomes:

- Making celebration – 'party foods'
- Creating special objects made from different materials (Diva lamps / Chinese lanterns)
- To wrap presents using measurement, covering and joining skills

How you can help at home

- Remind your child about your family celebrations & talk about these special days
- Encourage your child to talk about the changes that is happening to the trees in Autumn
- Go on a nature hunt and collect leaves, conkers, etc
- Talk to your child about the dark nights and shorter days
- Talk about keeping safe with fireworks

Events

- Reception children will be doing indoor PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They need to bring in a PE kit– (white T-shirt and navy shorts)
- School closed for Eid – Monday 7th November
- Eid party – Tuesday 8th November at 2.15pm
- Eid show – Thursday 10th November at 2pm
- Learning through play workshop for parents – 16th, 23rd and 30th November
- Christmas Fair – Thursday 1st December
- Fire engine visit – Monday 5th December
- Christmas show – Friday 16th December at 2pm
- Christmas party – Monday 19th December at 2pm

Communication, Language and Literacy Development

- Reading stories and information books about cultural celebrations, birthdays, parties, and weddings
- Looking at Rod Campbell books
- Looking at recipe books and following instructions on how to cook simple party food

Adult-led outcomes:

- To retell the story of 'Dear Santa' using Talk for writing
- To publish own lift the flap books based on the story – Dear Santa

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

- Comparing presents / party food using shape, amount (number) and using the words more and less
- Sorting objects into different celebrations
- Looking at patterns in the environment

Adult-led outcomes:

- To solve simple problems
- To describe repeating patterns

Creative Development

- Using imagination in role play areas – 'an ever changing 'Celebrations' house with a birthday party, etc. A post office and a dressing up shop
- Matching movements to music
- Representing our ideas through art-work
- Singing songs linked to celebrations

Child-initiated outcomes:

- Creating thematic pieces of work

Adult-led outcomes:

- Performing songs in shows

Physical Development

- Using hand-eye co-ordination when making things
- Moving bodies in time with the music
- Exploring the use of hoops and quoits
- Developing an understanding of party games

Adult-led outcomes:

- To use hoops and quoits in imaginative and different ways
- To perform simple dances