

# Festivals and Celebrations

Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## This week in phonics...

We will be looking at the 'sounds' we have been learning so far and practising reading two and three letter words containing them.

We are learning to read the tricky words 'me', 'we', 'be' and 'he'.

## Why this 'theme'?

We have chosen this theme, taking this opportunity to explore the Hindu festival of Diwali that takes place this time of year, as well as, Remembrance Day.

## This week in maths...

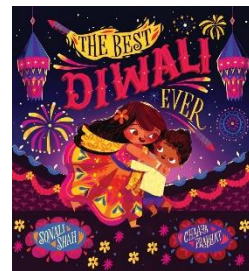
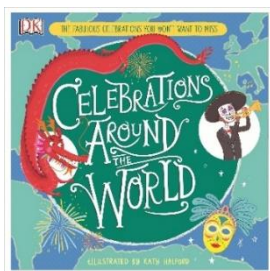
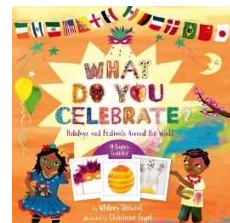
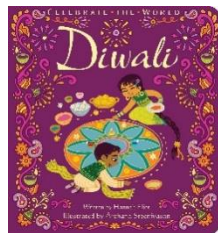
We will be exploring circles and triangles, naming, describing and comparing these 2D shapes.

## Skills Focus

**Understanding the World:** Find out about Diwali and India, making comparisons. Exploring why we wear poppies at this time of the year.  
**Expressive Arts & Design:** Listen and respond to Indian music.  
**Personal, social & emotional:** Importance of washing hands.

## Key Vocab

**Understanding the World:** Beliefs, Hinduism, celebration, festivals, religions, different, similar, country, map, weather, world, events, long ago.  
**Expressive Arts & Design:** describe, feel, instrument.  
**Personal, social & emotional:** hygiene, germs, clean, protect.



## Did you know...

India was the first country to have flushing toilets.

## I wonder...

Would you rather it was always Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter? Why?

**Things your child can do at home:** Share stories and watch videos about different celebrations, talk about things you celebrate as a family, go to see a firework display and talk to your child about firework safety.

**Homework:** Go on a shape hunt around the house spotting different 2D and 3D shapes, and talking about the names of these.

## We are a Church of England School...

We say a prayer before lunch each day.

In our daily collective worship, we will be exploring this half-term's theme of 'Trust'

This week's song: 'Give me joy in my lamp'

School Values:

Compassion • Courage • Responsibility



## Assertive Mentoring...

On the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of November 'Assertive Mentoring' meetings will be taking place with teachers. These meetings will give us an opportunity to talk about how your child is getting on at school, as well as giving ideas of things to work on and practise at home. Your child should have come home today with a slip letting you know the day and time this has been arranged for. We have tried our best to give you the time slot or as near to this as possible.