



Unit 1.1 Who celebrates what and why?

Links to Prior knowledge:

EYFS What stories are special and why?
What times are special and why?

Key Knowledge

- Recall and name religious festivals, objects and symbols.
- Retell a story associated with a festival (Christmas, Easter, Hannukah, Shabbat, Diwali)
- Suggest a meaning for objects used in the worship of the festival (e.g. candles, cross, Menorah, Diya)

Key Skills

- Ask questions about the meaning of the festival and listen to answers.
- Express an idea of their own about why festivals and celebrations matter and relate to their own important days.

Key Vocabulary

celebration	A special, happy event where people gather to have fun.
festival	A special celebration for a community, often based on religion, culture or tradition.
religion	A belief in god or gods and the activities connected with that belief.
Christian	Believes in Jesus Christ and God.
Jewish	Religion of Jewish people
synagogue	A Jewish place of worship
church	A Christian place of worship.
Jesus	Christians believe He is the son of God.

Diwali is when Hindu's celebrate the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil, while also being a joyous festival filled with family, gifts, and sweets.



Diya



Menorah

Festivals

Jewish people celebrate Hannukah to remember Jewish heroes who won a battle to keep their religion safe and found a small jar of oil that miraculously lasted for eight days instead of one.



Jewish people light a special candle called a 'menorah' for eight nights

Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Candles are often used to represent Jesus as the light of the world and the star that led the Wise men to Him.



Easter celebrates Jesus rising from the dead, three days after he was executed.



Key Questions

- Why do Jews celebrate Hannukah?
- What do the 9 candles on a Menorah represent?
- What festival celebrates the birth of Jesus?
- Why is Diwali also known as 'The festival of lights'?
- Why is the cross an important symbol for Christians?
- When does Shabbat take place?

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