

This half term our topic is colour and celebrations

Thirst for Knowledge

Our thirst for knowledge is an optional open ended home learning activity for you to be as creative and imaginative as you can be. Our task for this half term is to create a representation of the seasons in colour. Some ideas could be;

- Collect autumnal objects and make a collage
- Use paints / pastels to make different shades and colours in a seasonal picture.
- They could write about the seasons and the things you do in each season.

Please bring your creations into class and your child will be able to share what they have made to the rest of the class. We will also display them in the classroom.

P.S.E.D (Personal Social and Emotional Development)

- Talk about the celebrations you enjoy in your family.
- Think about any celebrations you may enjoy in your wider community.
- Talk about the importance of learning about celebrations in different cultures in the local community and around the world – how are they different?
- Talk about ‘celebrating’ – why we do it and how it makes us feel.
- Talk about ‘giving and receiving’ as an important part of celebrating.



Communication and Language

- Enjoy singing songs and reciting rhymes connected to celebrations you enjoy in your family.
- Talk about favourite celebration days in your family:
 - Do you remember what you did on your last birthday?
 - What would you like to plan for your next one?
- Think about your favourite colours – can you explain why you like some better than others?
- Talk about special foods/clothes/decorations.
- Talk about the way we use ‘light’ in celebrations:
 - Candles
 - Coloured Lights
 - Fireworks



Physical

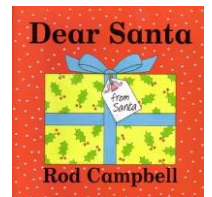
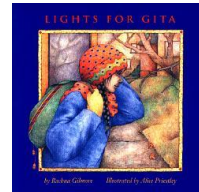
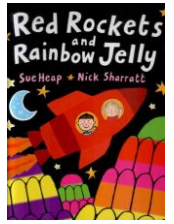
- Dancing is an important part of many celebrations in many different cultures – can you make up a dance? Perhaps you can show your dance at your next family celebration!
- Can you write a list for your celebration?



Literacy

You might enjoy the following fiction and non-fiction titles:

- 'The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse' – Eric Carle
- 'Lights for Gita' – Rachna Gilmore
- 'Eight Candles to Light' – Johnny Zucker
- 'Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly' – Sue Heap & Nick Sharratt
- 'Patrick Paints a Picture' – Saviour Pirotta
- 'Come to the Carnival – Festival Poems' – John Foster
- 'Little Bear's Colours' – Jane Hissey
- 'Elmer, Rose, and Super El' – David McKee
- 'Dear Santa' – Rod Campbell
- 'The First Christmas' – Marcia Williams
- 'DK 'eye-know' Colour' – DK Publications
- 'Blue Sky Blue' – Ken Wilson-Max
- 'My Christmas' – Little Nippers
- 'Santa's Sackful of Best Christmas Ideas' – Deri Robins
- 'Around the World – Festivals' – Heinemann



Mathematics

- Can you count the days on the calendar until your next family celebration?
- Design a multi-coloured numberline!
 - Ask your adult to play a game – can you say which numbers are Red? Purple? Yellow? Green?
 - Perhaps you can design your numberline in a repeating pattern!
- You could make your own 'countdown calendar' to your next family celebration!
- If you celebrate Christmas, you can design and enjoy an 'Advent Calendar' – which number is next?

Understanding the World

- Look at a book about 'Celebrations around the World'.
- Talk about the different ways people celebrate.



Expressive Arts and Design

- Can you design and make a birthday card for a member of your family or a friend?
- Make a hat or mask to wear at a party!
- Make a Christmas decoration for your tree or cracker.
- How many shades can you mix of your favourite colour? Paint a rainbow!
- Design and print your own present wrapping paper.
- Make a coloured cellophane picture or collage – what happens if you shine light through it?
- Can you make a box to put a gift in?

We hope you enjoy some of these ideas! Let us know what you think and "Happy Celebrating!"