

**Celebrations:** a joyful occasion for special festivities to mark some happy event. synonyms: jubilation. type of: affair, function, occasion, social function, social occasion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvtaqA6TTAQ>



# Celebrations

Autumn 2 theme

Knowledge Organiser/Overview



## Festivals, Celebrations and Key Events

Bonfire Night – 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Remembrance Day – 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Diwali – 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov
World Nursery Rhyme Week – 13-17 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Children in Need – 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Jumper Day – 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christmas – 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec

## Key Vocabulary

Cake, celebrate, present, candle, diva, goddess, lights, remember, poppy, soldier.

## Makaton Signs

Soldier, poppy, medals, party, lights, dance.

## Reading and Rhyme Spine

### Rhymes and Poems

Row, Row, Row Your Boat	Five Little Speckled Frogs
The Wheels on the Bus	Round and Round the Garden
I'm a Little Teapot	Like a Teddy Bear
Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes	Incy Wincy Spider
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star	Five Currant Buns
Jack and Jill	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Fish Alive
Pat-a-cake	Humpy Dumpty
	Five Little Fishes

### Story Map Books

The Way Back Home

### Additional Texts

- What do you celebrate – Whitney Stewart
- Welcome to Our World – Moira Butterfield
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### Helicopter Stories / Poetry Basket

- A Basket of Apples
- Leaves Are Falling
- Breezy Weather
- Who Has Seen the Wind
- Cup of Tea
- Mice
- Shoes



## Real Life Experiences

Post Office – watch Christmas letters and parcels being stamped and posted

## Parental Involvement

World Nursery Rhyme Craft viewing – 17<sup>th</sup> November  
 Fine Motor Workshop – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> Nov  
 Reading sessions – Fridays

## Cultural Capital and British Values

During this topic we aim to increase the children's Cultural Capital and develop their British Values by learning about the following:

- National Kite Day (India)** – 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – awareness of traditions in other cultures
- Chinese New Year** – 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – awareness of traditions in other cultures
- Martin Luther King Day** – 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – important historical figures – recognising and celebrating black history
- National Pizza Day** – A trip to Pizza express to observe baking in action
- National Milk Day** – Where milk comes from

## Understanding the World

### Past and Present

### The Natural World

### People Cultures and Communities

#### Remembrance Day/ Sunday:

Observing photos from the past. Looking at the soldiers in the war and the jobs they had. Significance of the poppy and symbolism today.

Learning about Christmas traditions – past and present. What was Christmas like in the Victoria era. Are traditions the same, have they changed. What gifts would children have received. Are they like the gifts like the gifts that we received today?

**Diwali** – Learning about the importance of a celebration in a other cultures. Learning about what makes the celebrstion so special and why it is so important. Knwoing how people in these communities prepare for their celebrations.

## Expressive Arts and Design

### Creating with Materials

### Being Imaginative and Expressive

**Junk Modelling** – make a boat for the Penguin to travel back to the South Pole  
Make props to help me retell the stories I have read through our winter topic. Children to use their creations in their role play.

**Chinese New Year** – Cherry Blossom Trees – use different sized paint brushes to create the trunk of the tree. Children to decide how they would like to add the blossom to the tree,  
Different art media to be used; cotton buds, pencil ends, finger tips, paint brush, straws etc.

**Poppy Crafts** – Pointillism Art with bright paints- large poppy

**Diwali Arts and Crafts** – Making a diva lamp with clay and etching patterns with a craft tool. Piecing together art materials to make a paper diva lamp. Folding card (a fan), repeated turns, to create a diva lamp.