

EYFS Autumn 2: What are we celebrating?

Sticky Knowledge

Halloween is an annual celebration on 31st October during which people dress up in costumes and go Trick or Treating.

The Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexico where is called Día de los Muertos. It is a festival where the dead are remembered by their families.

Bonfire Night is celebrated in the UK and is sometimes known as Fireworks Night.

Remembrance Day is a day to remember those who have fought and died in wars.

During Diwali, people invite the Goddess Lakshmi into their homes to bring wealth and wisdom.

Hannukah is a Jewish festivals which lasts for eight nights.

Advent calendars were first invited in 1851. Families would draw a chalk line to count down until Christmas Eve.

According to the song, Father Christmas has nine reindeer that pull his sleigh. They are called Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and of course Rudolph.



Key Texts

One Hundred and One Steps by Captain Sir Tom Moore

The story of Diwali by Katie Daynes

Happy Birthday Jamila by Niki Daly

The Crayon's Christmas by Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers

Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah by Sylvia Ross

Father Christmas Needs A Wee by Nicholas Allan.

Topic Vocabulary

festival

A time or event of celebration.

celebration

To do something enjoyable to commemorate and honour something.

gift

To give someone something i.e. a present.

decorate

To make something more attractive.

diya lamps

Small oil lamps which are placed around the home and garden to remember how Rama and Sita were welcomed home.

rangoli patterns

Colourful decorative designs drawn near the entrance to a house.

menorah

A special candelabrum with nine candles used to celebrate Hannukah.

advent

Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the meaning of Christmas.

stocking

A decorative pouch, shaped like a large sock, that is used for holding gifts at Christmas.