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2025

What is a
celebration?

What do
you
celebrate?

Do we all
celebrate the
same?



How do we
celebrate?

Why is
Christmas
special to
Christians?

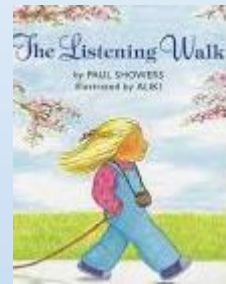
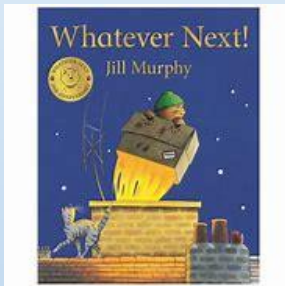
Which is
your
favourite
celebration
and why?

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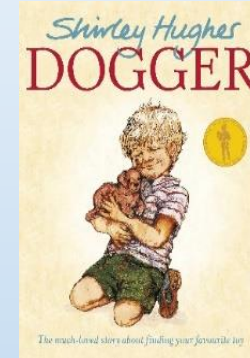
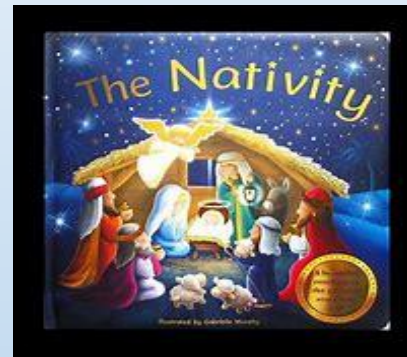
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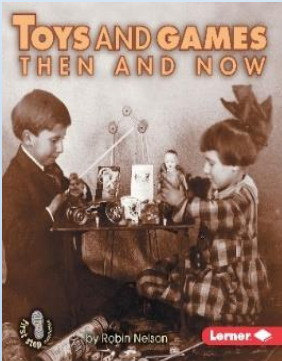
Fiction



Resource Hub

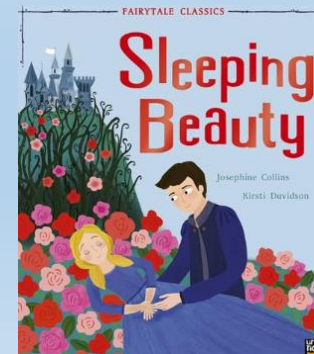
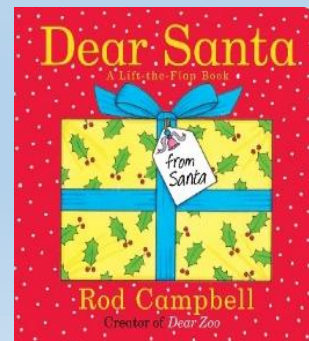


Non-Fiction



Christmas

Multi-media links



Rhymes and Songs

In a Rocket
Down in Bethlehem
Away in a manger
Jingle Bells
When Santa got stuck
up the chimney

Writing Features

Learn new vocabulary.

Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.

To be able to use a connective 'and'

Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important.

Develop their small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Suggested tools: pencils for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons.

Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.

Audience and Purpose:
To share our learning in our writing.

Form lower-case and some capital letters correctly.

Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s.

Write short sentences with words with known letter-sound correspondences using a capital letter and full stop.

Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense.

EYFS – Development Matters

Communication & Language

Literacy

Physical Development

Reading Features

Engage in story times.

Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.

Retell the story, once they have developed a deep familiarity with the text, some as exact repetition and some in their own words.

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Use their core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor.

Read individual letters by saying the sounds for them.

Blend sounds into words, so that they can read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences.

Read some letter groups that each represent one sound and say sounds for them.

Read a few common exception words matched to the school's phonic programme.

Read simple phrases and sentences made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences and, where necessary, a few exception words.

Audience and Purpose:

To develop a love of reading with our friends

Use new vocabulary through the day

Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them

1. Read the 'Sparks in the Sky' story and write words about bonfire night.

2. Design an Anti-bullying poster.

3. Read 'Whatever Next'.
Where has baby bear been?
(in the box, on the bed,
on the mat)

Every week in our have a go books we will practise our letter formation and write CVC words, phase 2 sounds, and tricky words.

**In Word Wise, we
will focus on letter
formation and
retelling stories.**

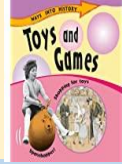
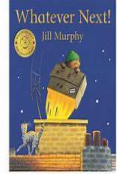
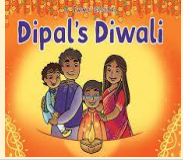


4. Read Sleeping Beauty and Nativity stories. Spell words using new digraphs learnt.

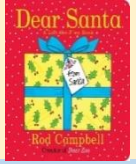
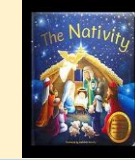
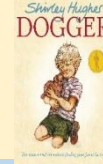
5. Write a letter to Santa

6. Make a class 'Dear Santa' lift the flap book.

7. Write inserts for Christmas Cards.



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I know some different celebrations and can say which is my favourite and why.

I know how Hindus celebrate Diwali. I know how Christians celebrate Christmas.

I know how to stay safe when celebrating Bonfire night.

I know the main characters in the Nativity story. I can retell the Nativity story.

Rangoli pattern



Poppy



Bonfire Night



Vocabulary

Diwali	A Hindu celebration of light. A festival to remember the story of Rama and Sita.
Rangoli pattern	A type of art that started in India. It is made of coloured patterns.
Bonfire Night	This takes place on the 5 th November every year. It remembers when Guy Fawkes and his friends tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament.
Remembrance Day	A day to remember the soldiers who died while serving for their country.
Christmas	A Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus. Christmas day is celebrated on 25 th December.
Birthdays	The anniversary of a day a person was born..

Christmas



Birthdays



The Nativity Story





Let's quiz



'Let's quiz' is an exciting new game we have launched for the children. At the end of every topic they will take part in a fun quiz all about what they have learnt over the half-term. You can help your child to succeed and remember what they have learnt by talking about the questions together at home.

Research says that when children repeatedly return to previously learnt information, they are more likely to **'Know and Remember More'** in the long term.

1. Can you name 3 celebrations?
2. What is your favourite celebration and why?
3. Can you name 3 things you need to do to stay safe when watching fireworks?
4. Who do we remember on Remembrance Day?
5. Who are the main characters in the Nativity story?
6. Can you retell the Nativity story?
7. What is bullying?
8. Where does light come from?
9. How do Hindu's celebrate Diwali?
10. How do Christians celebrate Christmas?