### How do festivals bring people together?

### Key Vocabulary:

Festival

celebration

Christian

Christmas

Community

Eid-ul-Fitr

Muslim

Hindu

Diwali

Religion







# How are some festivals celebrated?

People share special meals or food
Presents or cards are given
Some people attend a place of worship
Decoration e.g. lights can be put in homes
and the community.

Key Concept: Festivals and Celebrations



The crescent moon and star is the symbol associated with Islam.



The Aum is the symbol associated with Hinduism.



The cross is the symbol associated with Christianity.

El-ul-fitr is a Muslim festival for 'breaking the fast'. Muslims fast during Ramadan and the festival of El-ul-fitr marks the end. It begins in the evening when the moon appears and traditionally lasts for 3 days. It is celebrated with prayer, gifts, giving to the poor, special food and festive lights.

Diwali is a Hindu festival often known as the festival of lights and is associated with Good overcoming evil. It lasts 5 days and Hindus remember the return of the deities Rama and Sita. It is celebrated through lighting diva lamps, eating special food with friends and family and gifts.

Christmas is a Christian celebration on  $25^{th}$  December. It remembers the day Jesus was born. Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Christians prepare for Christmas during advent and on Christmas day they give gifts, eat special food and enjoy time with family.

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### Key Knowledge

| What is the symbol for | Name a Christian festival           | Name a Hindu   | How might a festival be celebrated? Name 3 |  |  |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Christianity?          | Possible answers:  Harvest Festival | festival       | Answers can include:                       |  |  |
|                        |                                     | Diwali         | Sending cards                              |  |  |
| Cross                  |                                     |                | Wearing new clothes                        |  |  |
|                        | Christimas                          |                | Attending a place of worship               |  |  |
|                        | Christingle                         |                | Giving to a charity                        |  |  |
| What is the symbol for | What is the symbol for              | Name an        | Praying                                    |  |  |
| Hinduism?              | Islam?                              | Islamic/Muslim | nic/Muslim Decorations/lights              |  |  |
| Aum                    | Cresent moon and star               | festival       | Special music                              |  |  |
|                        |                                     | El-ul-fitr     | Special food                               |  |  |
|                        |                                     |                | Seeing family and friends                  |  |  |

#### Learning Journey

| Prior and Future<br>Learning           | Reception  | KS1  | LKS2  | UKS2  |
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| Christianity,<br>Islam and<br>Hinduism | How do people celebrate?  Why do we perform a nativity play? | How do festivals bring people together? Children will deliver a harvest festival in church to the local community. | How have Christians and Muslims contributed to society and culture? What does it mean to be Muslim? How does belief influence people's response to poverty and those that are vulnerable? | Why is Christianity so diverse? If a person's current incarnation is a result of their previous actions, should Hindu's help those that suffer? How does belief impact and influence a believer's life? |