

Year 4 – What are the deeper meanings of festivals?



What we already know:

Foundation Stage – F4 Being Special : Where do we belong? **F6:** What times/stories are special and why? **F5 :** What places are special and why?

Year 1- 1.8 Who am I? What does it mean to belong? **1.10** How should we care for the world and others and why does it matter?

Year 2- 1.9 What makes some places sacred to believers?

Year 3- L2.7 What does it mean to mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

Year 4 – L2.10 How and Why do people show their commitments during the journey of life?

What's next?

Year 5 –U2.14 How do religions help people live?

Summary of Knowledge

To know, after learning in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life, how different people celebrate different festivals. Through exploring Christmas, Easter (Christians), Ramadan (Muslims) Vaisakhi (Sikhs), Pesach (Jewish) and Diwali (Hindus) know the deeper meanings of these festivals.

Mini Question 1

Which festivals do you celebrate and why?

People celebrate festivals in different ways. There are religious and non-religious festivals. These festivals have things in common and are worth celebrating.

Mini Question 2

In what ways is Easter more important than Christmas to some Christians?

Christians celebrate Christmas and Easter in very different ways but both festivals play an important part in the life of Britain today.

Mini Question 3

How do you think fasting helps Muslims to follow Ramadan?

Muslims view Ramadan and Eid-el-Fitr as a celebration and an opportunity for them to move closer to God through their own sacrifices (fasting and giving) and the extra time they spend in prayer.

Mini Question 4

How do the Sikh community serve others in Britain today?

The values of community, commitment and self-sacrifice lie behind the festival of Vaisakhi (Guru's day)– and it's not just Sikhs who uphold these values.

Mini Question 5?

How does the festival of Pesach connect to the story of Moses?

The story of Pesach (Passover) focuses on God's deliverance of the Hebrew people from slavery by God in the book of Exodus. It reveals to Jewish believers about what God is like – e.g. powerful, faithful to his promises.

Mini Question 6

How does light conquer darkness in the story of Rama and Sita?

The words spoken during both religious and non-religious wedding ceremonies show what commitment, love and promises during good times and bad times means.

Mini Question 7

Choose one of the festivals we have studied - what can you learn from it?

Believers express the meaning of these religious festivals through symbols, sounds, actions, stories and rituals – which vary, but may include shared food, expressing devotion in worship in many ways.

Vocabulary

Celebrations	Khalsa
Festivals	Pesach
Christmas	Sedar plate
Easter	Diwali
Eid-ul-Fitr	Prosperity
fasting	Commitment
Vaisakhi	Deeper meaning

Elements of Learning

