

Unit Planner RE Year: 3 Title: Why are festivals important to religious communities?

Unit Overview	In this unit the children build on their previous knowledge about religious festivals. The unit is based around the festivals reminding people of their beliefs as part of a community. Children learn about festivals in the Christian, Islam, Hindu and Jewish faiths.		
Prior Learning/ Links	EY – children learn about different festivals such as Christmas, Eid, Diwali, Chinese new year. Children learn about special time and people.		
	KS1 – Children learn about festivals of light and sacred times. They learn about the beliefs of people in the Christian, Jewish, Hindu and Islamic faiths.		
Unit Title:	Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary Knowledge	
Key Questions: What festivals are important to Christians? Are there any festivals celebrated for similar reasons? Do these look the same across different religions?	 Children know that different religions celebrate festivals to mark important events. That some of the events are from stories in their holy books. Children know that Easter is a festival where Christians celebrate the sacrifice that Jesus made for others. To know that Diwali celebrates the story of Rama and Sita and shows the importance of light. That Eid is a celebration of sacrifice at the end of Ramadan. To know Jewish people celebrate Pesach as a way of remembering the story of Moses and how he wanted to free the Jewish slaves. Know that religious festivals are a way of communities celebrating together. 	To retell and suggest meanings to some religious and moral stories, exploring and discussing sacred writings and sources of wisdom and recognising the traditions from which they come. Notice and respond sensitively to some similarities and differences between different religions and worldviews Discussing and finding out about different festivals, and why these are important to different communities. Investigate what we can learn from religions about right and wrong Investigate what it is like to be Christian in Britain today.	
		Discuss what it is like to be a Hindu in Britain today.	
		Explore what it is like to be Jewish in Britain today.	
Vocabulary	Trips/ Visits/Useful Websites/ Resources	Key Misconceptions:	
Substantive:			
Festivals	What is Eid-ul-Adha? - BBC Bitesize		
Eid			
Christmas	Religious Studies KS2: Ramadan and Eid ul Fitr - BBC Teach		
Diwali			
Pesach	What is Passover? - BBC Bitesize		
Easter			
Celebrate community	Religious Studies KS2: Celebrating Passover (Pesach) - BBC Teach		



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Disciplinary: Belief Views Stories Religion	What is Easter? - BBC Bitesize Religious Studies KS2: Easter - BBC Teach	
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