

Overall Intent

To build children's understanding of festivals and celebrations from around the world, encouraging curiosity, respect for diversity, and enjoyment of shared experiences.

Through stories, arts, music, food, and imaginative play, children will develop communication, creative expression, and emotional awareness.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Understanding that everyone celebrates differently and that kindness and togetherness are part of all celebrations.

Taking turns in games and role play.

Talking about family celebrations and who is important to them.

Helping to plan and prepare for group events.

Practising kindness by giving cards or gifts to friends.

Learning to respect different beliefs and traditions.

Physical Development

Children will explore movement, dance, and fine motor control through festival-themed play. They will gain confidence using tools and materials, develop spatial awareness, and learn to express joy through movement and rhythm — all while celebrating cultural diversity and community.

Communication and Language

Talking about personal experiences, learning new vocabulary linked to festivals, listening to stories, retelling short narratives.

Literacy

Reading festival stories, mark-making in cards, writing simple names and messages.

Arts – Craft and Music Opportunities

Creating decorations, cards, and artwork linked to festivals.

Singing songs from different cultures and performing for peers.

Using musical instruments in rhythm games and parades.

Maths

Counting candles, stars and decorations.
Making symmetrical Rangoli or pattern designs.
Sequencing the events of a celebration (before, during, after).

Comparing sizes of gifts.
Sorting colours or shapes in festival crafts.

Understanding the World

Encourage cultural awareness, respect for diversity, and understanding of community and belonging.

