

# Theme: Let's Celebrate

## Foundation Stage: Understanding the World

### Enquiry Questions

- Why do people celebrate Bonfire Night?
- Why do people celebrate Poppy Day?
- Who celebrates Diwali and why?
- Who celebrates Hanukkah and why?
- How do I celebrate Christmas?
- Why is Christmas special to Christians?

### What will I know by the end of the topic?

#### Celebrations



- Different people celebrate different things and have different traditions.
- People celebrate their birthday to remember the day they were born.
- Bonfire Night is on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. People celebrate with bonfires and fireworks.
- Remembrance Day is on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. We remember all the people who have died in wars. There is a time of silence at 11am.
- Diwali is the Hindu festival of light and Hanukkah is the Jewish festival of light.

#### Christmas



- Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas.
- Christmas takes place on the 25<sup>th</sup> December and is a Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus.
- A Nativity play tells the story of Jesus' birth.

### Key Vocabulary

**celebrate** – to observe an occasion in a special way

**feast** – a large, special meal

**parade** – a procession of people or vehicles

**decorate** – to make something look pretty

**guest** – someone who has been invited to a party or an event

**festive** – an event that is full of joy, smiles and excitement (like Christmas)

