



**MILL DAM SCHOOL
ACKWORTH**

Reception Autumn 2 2021.

Topic: **Celebrations**



This half term we will be learning all about different celebrations and traditions. We will be looking at the following:

Diwali

Guy Fawkes and the gun powder plot

Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday

Birthdays

Christmas

This is the order we will be looking at the celebrations and traditions. Some of these will be learnt about after the celebration. This is to allow the children to experience the celebration. The children can then talk about these experiences and share their involvement in the celebrations.





Diwali



We will be learning lots about Diwali in particular:

- Where does the celebration come from?
- Who celebrates Diwali?
- Why it is important to some people?
- The story of Diwali

Some of our activities will be:

- Creating Henna designs and Rangoli patterns.
- Home corner role play - cleaning and decorating the house.

- Retelling the story of Diwali in the small world area.
- Ordering the events of the story in Literacy.
- Designing our own diva lamp.
- Trying some traditional Indian snacks.

Guy Fawkes and the gun powder plot



We will be learning lots about Bonfire night in particular:

- Why is Bonfire night celebrated?
- Who is involved?
- When did the gun powder plot happen?

Some of our activities will be:

- Creating artwork in the style of Jackson Pollock, to create a firework picture.
- Writing firework sounds.
- Listening to music from the 15th century.
- Drawing fireworks by mark making different types of lines e.g zigzag, dotted and swirls.
- Making chocolate apples.

Remembrance Sunday



We will be learning lots about Remembrance Day in particular:

- Why is Remembrance Day important to people?
- Who is involved and why do we celebrate it?
- How do we celebrate Remembrance Day?
- What is the meaning of a poppy? Why are there different coloured poppies?

Some of our activities will be:

- Listening to different poems about WW1 and WW2.
- Creating pictures from poetry.
- Cutting red paper to make mosaic poppies.
- Making thank you cards to send men and women in the military.

Birthdays



We will be learning lots about birthdays in particular:

- Why are birthdays celebrated?
- Why are birthdays special?
- How do we celebrate birthdays?
- Who is involved in birthdays?

Some of our activities will be:

- Making birthday cards.
- Writing birthday cards.
- Learning when our birthdays are.
- Reciting and ordering months of the year.
- Cutting wrapping paper and wrapping boxes.

- Recognising numbers and ordering numbers to five.



Christmas



We will be learning lots about Christmas in particular:

- Why do people celebrate Christmas?
- Which religions celebrate Christmas?
- Is Christmas celebrated the same across the world?
- The Nativity story.

Some of our activities will be:

- Making Christmas cards.

- Writing Christmas cards and letters to Santa.
- Making Christmas decorations.
- Recalling and ordering the events of the Christmas story (the nativity).
- Learning and listening to Christmas songs.
- Learning how to send a Christmas card. Role playing the post office, sorting parcels by size, mass and capacity.

