AN SCHOOL STANDS

Knowledge Organiser for Reception

Topic: Celebrations



Key questions for children to discuss with adults:

- Why do we celebrate bonfire night?
- How do we keep safe on bonfire night?
- Who do we remember on Remembrance day and why?
- What is a birthday and why do we celebrate it?
- Can you tell me the date of your birthday?
- Can you tell us different ways people celebrate their birthdays all around the world?
- Can you tell me three differences between a Hindu wedding and a Christian wedding?
- Can you remember the nativity story?
- Do you know why we celebrate Christmas?
- How do Christians prepare for Christmas?
- Did you know that the Queen has two birthdays? One is her official birthday (the day that she was born) and the other is the 21st April.
- Did you know that poppies are the symbol of Remembrance Day because they were the first flower to grow in Flanders Fields after WW2?
- Did you know that Santa's suit was originally green?
- Did you know that a Hindu wedding celebration lasts for more than one day?

Key vocabulary - Can you get your child to explain what some of these words mean?

- Houses of Parliament
- Plotting
- Medal
- Poppies
- Celebrations / Parties
- Ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc.)
- Bride, groom, bridesmaid, ushers, flower girls, page boys, maid of honour, best man.
- Wedding dress, suits, cake

- Gunpowder
- Soldiers
- Heroes
- Sad / Brave / Proud
- Months of the year
- Love / Marriage / Family
- Henna patterns, sari dresses, flower garlands, gathbandhan ritual
- Church, Vicar, Temple, Pujari
- Advent, Jesus, Christianity, celebrate, nativity