Ideas Organiser: Festivals and Celebrations (Thankfulness)

Knowledge:

- Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism and Islam all say Thank You to their God.
- Christians say thank you to God for giving them good food through Harvest festival.
- Jewish people thank God, for their harvest and for freeing their ancestors from slavery in Egypt, through the festival of Sukkot.
- Jewish people build a Sukkah and celebrate Sukkot inside it.
- In Hinduism, thanks is given to the God Lakshmi for the wealth and prosperity she has given over the year and to ask for it again in the future year.
- Gifts are given as part of all the celebrations.
- You don't have to believe in God to say Thank You.

Vocabulary and background knowledge:

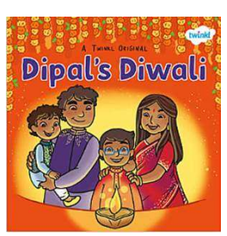
Festival		An event to celebrate a significant moment.
Faith		A belief in something that we cannot see.
Diwali		The festival of light celebrated by Hindus.
Wealth and prosperity		Having money, success and good fortune.
Harvest festival		Christian festival to thank God for the food and to share with the poor
Christmas		An annual Christian festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.
Advent		The word means 'coming' in Latin and it is the period of preparation before Christmas.
Sukkot		A Jewish festival of giving thanks
Sukkah		A special building to celebrate Sukkot inside
Slavery		One human is owned by another.
Respect		The good feelings we show towards others' beliefs and choices.

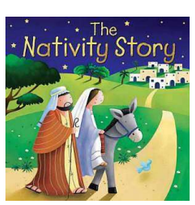


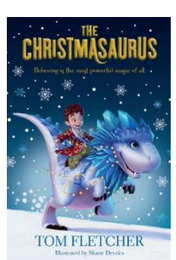
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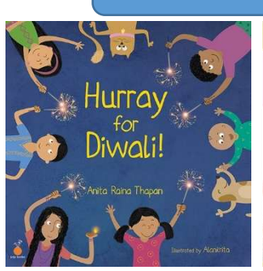
D&T sewing Christmas stockings, building a Sukkah, research using information texts – knowing the layout features to support.

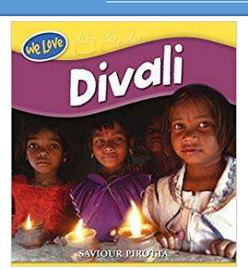
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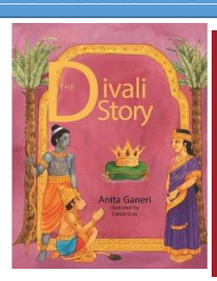


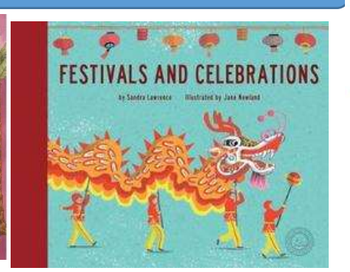


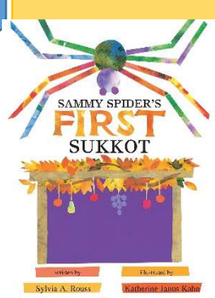


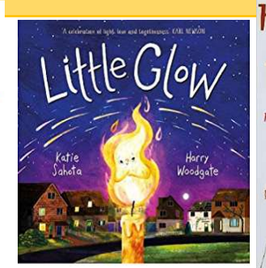


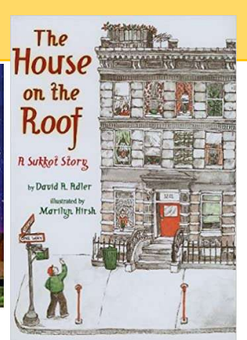












Making Links:

D&T: Design, make and sew Christmas stockings, build a Sukkah.

ICT: Using a search engine to find information

Literacy: Reading non-fiction texts and narratives based on religious festivals.

British Values

Tolerance - Understanding different religions and recognising and accepting differences and similarities

Mutual Respect – Know that our behaviours have an impact on others, know about other faiths and cultures and show respect for their beliefs and learn from them too.



Values & attitudes we can always show in this project:



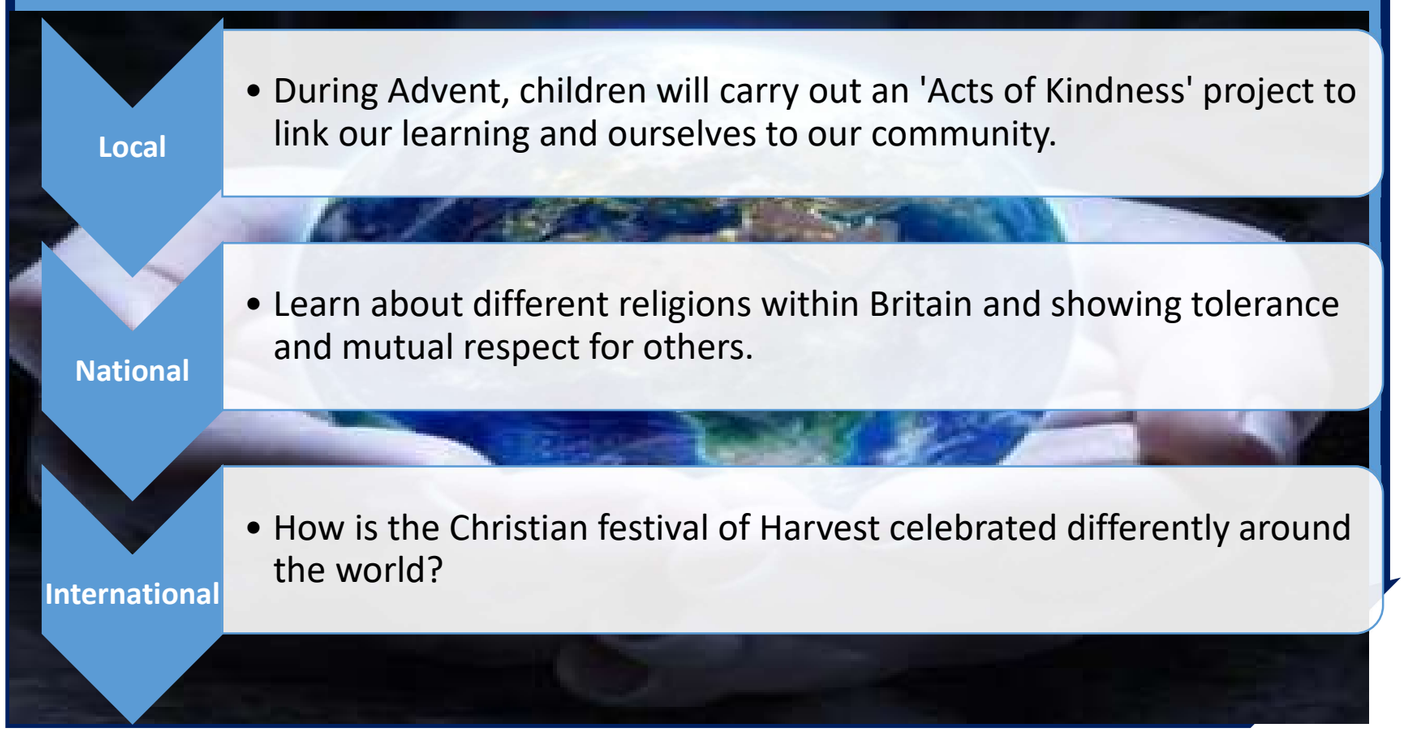




Quality Outcomes & Experiences:

- Pupils will each have a Christmas stocking to take home.
- Pupils will each have a Christmas card to take home
- Pupils will make a Diva lamp to take home
- Christmas performance to parents

The World beyond our doorstep…



Local

- During Advent, children will carry out an 'Acts of Kindness' project to link our learning and ourselves to our community.

National

- Learn about different religions within Britain and showing tolerance and mutual respect for others.

International

- How is the Christian festival of Harvest celebrated differently around the world?