

## Learning Challenges

### Engage

We will use pictures of objects, people and places of worship related to different celebrations and play pass the bag around the circle. What celebration is it? Have the children seen it? Experienced it? Have they done something similar with their families?

### Develop

We will find out how people prepare and celebrate Diwali. We will make our own salt dough diya's and create rangoli patterns. We will watch video clips of firework displays. We will print firework pictures with paint using a range of different tools and colours. We will make firework noises using voice sounds. We will use rockets for counting - forwards and backwards. We will use torches to explore darkness. We will draw fireworks outside on the floor with chalk.

*What if we were all the same?*

**What makes a celebration?**



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Read 'Happy Birthday Maisie'. Talk about how they celebrate their birthdays. We will explore numbers, particularly 3 and 4 relating to the children's ages. Find out how people prepare and celebrate Eid. Create some Eid decorations, make some traditional food and draw mendhi patterns. Read 'Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns' Read 'The First Christmas.' Find out about how people prepare for and celebrate Christmas. Learn Christmas rhymes and songs. Decorate Christmas tree in classroom.

### Innovate

Thinking about what we have learnt about different celebrations, we will plan a party.

### Express

We will make refreshments, decorations and prepare entertainment for the party. Have a party as a class.

Take photos and videos to share on the website. Take decorations home to share learning with families.

## BUILDING LEARNING POWERS - how to make our brains grow!

### Noticing

We will be using our Noticing skills to look closely at colour and pattern.

### Persevering

The Persevering Pirates will be helping us to learn how to 'try, try and try again', particularly when putting on our coats as the weather gets colder.

## CHRISTIAN VALUES

**Peace** - we will be thinking about what Peace to us means and how we can be peaceful. We will be looking at stories from the bible to help us understand more about what it means and how we can develop this value within ourselves.

**Spiritual Development:** Be comfortable with stillness and silence and be open to engage in reflection/meditation/prayer.



## ST GEORGE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Nursery Reminders

**Library** - We will go to the school library every Monday. Please read and enjoy the book together at home. Bring library books back every Monday so they can choose a new one.

You can help your child to achieve their best and enjoy their learning by;

- talking with your child about what they have done at school.
- encouraging them to be independent e.g. putting on their own coat, doing own buttons and zips.
- going to the library, and reading and talking about books.
- counting objects up to 5 and then 10.
- trying new activities and challenges with them, encouraging them to show perseverance through trying and trying again.

**Clothing** - Please can you make sure all clothing is labelled with your child's name. We often play in water outside and change into wellington boots, so please also name your child's shoes.

Thank you for your support

The Foundation Stage Team