

Festival Traditions and Celebrations

Learning objective: To understand the significance, symbols, and shared values of festivals celebrated within different religions and cultures.

Read each question carefully and provide detailed answers. Think about how festivals bring communities together and the traditions that make them special.

Festivals are special times when people come together to remember important events, express gratitude, or celebrate the changing of the seasons. Whether it is Diwali, Christmas, Eid al-Fitr, Vaisakhi, or Hanukkah, every festival uses food, light, music, and stories to share values with the next generation. These celebrations help people feel connected to their history and to each other.

Word bank: Significance · Ritual · Symbolism · Community · Tradition · Reflection · Celebration · Values

1. Max the monkey is helping his friends plan a community festival. Why do you think sharing a meal is an important part of many festivals around the world? (2 marks)

2. Choose one festival you have studied. Explain one symbol used during that festival and what it represents to the people who celebrate it. (2 marks)

3. How do festivals help people show kindness and generosity to others in their local community? (2 marks)

4. Nova the owl is curious about light. Many festivals, such as Diwali and Hanukkah, involve the use of light. Why do you think light is such a common symbol in festivals? (2 marks)

5. If you were to create a new festival to celebrate 'Friendship', list two traditions you would include and explain why. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing how a community might celebrate a festival together. Include at least three symbolic items (such as lanterns, special foods, or decorations) and label why they are important.



Extension challenge: Research a festival from a different country that you have never heard of before. Create a 'Festival Fact File' for Pip the bookworm, including the name, the reason for the celebration, and one interesting tradition.