

A World of Wonder: Exploring Festivals

Join Ellie the Elephant on a global journey to discover the colours, sounds, and stories that make our world shine!

- Festivals are special times when people gather to share stories, food, and traditions that have been passed down through many generations.
- Many celebrations use light to symbolise hope and the victory of goodness, such as the lighting of lamps during Diwali or the candles on a Hanukkah menorah.
- Harvest festivals are observed in many cultures around the world to express gratitude for the food grown from the earth and the hard work of farmers.
- Music, dance, and vibrant clothing are often used during festivals to reflect the unique history and joy of a specific community.
- Some festivals, like Eid al-Fitr, mark the end of a period of reflection and fasting, encouraging people to focus on charity and kindness towards others.

Did you know? Did you know? Many festivals are linked to the cycles of the moon or the changing of the seasons! For example, the date of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, changes every year because it is calculated using the lunar calendar, meaning it can fall in either October or November.

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