

Term	Definition
Christmas	The annual Christian festival celebrating Christ's birth, held on 25 December.
Diwali	A Hindu festival with lights, held annually in the period October to November. Diwali symbolizes "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance".
Halloween	Halloween is an annual tradition that relates with dressing up in disguise, trick-or-treating, and displaying jack-o'-lanterns during the evening of October 31 st .
Celebrations	The action of celebrating an important day or event.

Christmas

Eid

Hanukkah



Halloween

Harvest

Diwali

Things to talk about?

What do you celebrate with your family?

How many different kind of celebrations do you know of?

Discuss family traditions and how you celebrate those family celebrations.

Look at family pictures of pervious celebrations, ask what they notice e.g. people dancing, certain foods, traditional clothing?

Festivals and Celebrations

Related books to read together

- Room on the broom by Julia Donaldson
- Big Pumpkin is a children's book written by Erica Silverman
- The Nativity Story Board book by Juliet David
- The Birth of Jesus by Katherine Sully
- Rama and Sita: The Story of Diwali by Malachy Doyle
- Lighting a Lamp by Jonny Zucker

Diwali

Rangoli Patterns



Diya Lamps

The diya lamps are lit to help the goddess Lakshmi find her way into people's homes.

A Rangoli is a colourful design made on the floor using coloured rice powder. It is often used by Hindus throughout Diwali.



Christmas

Christmas tree

Christians believe that putting up a Christmas tree within your home symbolises an everlasting life with God.



Christmas presents



According to Christian tradition, the presentation of the gifts by the Three Wise Men to the infant Jesus.

Eid

Ramadan



Muslims

festival



mehndi



Islam

salat



Eid-al-Fitr

fasting



cards



celebrate



presents



Qur'an



mosque



feast



prayer