

Diwali

- Diwali is an important Hindu festival but some other religions celebrate it too.
- A Diwali festival usually lasts for around 5 days, the date each year changes usually falling between October and November.
- The word Diwali means 'row of lights'. People decorate their homes with lights and oil lamps.
- These lights are important as they honour the Goddess Lakshmi and guide her to your home.
- People make beautiful Rangoli patterns to welcome the Gods and bring good luck.



Reception - Celebrations

Autumn 2



Guy Fawkes

- We celebrate bon-fire night on the 5th November to celebrate Guy Fawkes failing to blow up the houses of parliament and kill King James in 1605.
- They hid 36 barrels of gunpowder underneath the houses of parliament.
- There were 13 men involved in this plot.

The Nativity

- The Angel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary she was having a baby and must call it Jesus.
- Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem on a donkey to be counted.
- Mary had Baby Jesus in a stable as there was no room at the Inn.
- Shepherd, wise men and angels went to visit Jesus after he has been born.
- The wise men brought gifts of frankincense, Myrrh and Gold for the baby Jesus.





Key Vocabulary

Christmas	Nativity	Jesus
Bethlehem	Diwali	Rangoli
Festival	light	important
Celebration	Parliament	

Facts the children will know

Christmas	A day to celebrate the birth of Jesus.
Diwali	A Hindu festive with lights.
Plot	A plan made in secret.
Festival	A day or period of celebration.
Rangoli	A traditional Indian decoration or pattern made with colourful rice.
Tradition	The customs of beliefs of someone.
Nativity	The story of the birth of Jesus.