

Autumn 2 - weeks 5,6,7 - Our topic is...



'Festivals of Light'

Winter traditional tales

The story of Hanukkah and Schmelf
the Hanukkah Elf

The story of Christmas



Questions:

- What celebrations can you name?
- Do you celebrate any festivals or events with your family?
- How are celebrations the same? (maybe having a party, sharing food, giving a gift)
- How are celebrations different? (The clothes you wear, decorations)

Home learning opportunities:

- Can you take a winter walk in the dark to see some festival lights?
- Talk to your friends and neighbours about celebrations they enjoy!
- Make a card to send to someone who lives on their own down your road

Story characters:

Schmelf is the Hanukkah Elf who learns about who celebrates Hanukkah - what sort of character is he?



Fun facts:

- Hanukkah is celebrated for eight nights
- There are about 16 different ways used to spell Hanukkah
- Gifts are given at Christmas to mimic the three kings giving gifts to baby Jesus
- Silent Night is the most recorded song (have a listen at home!)

Key Vocabulary:

Hanukkah: The Jewish festival of lights

Festival: A time of celebration to mark an event

Celebration: A special event or party

Christmas: A Christian celebration commemorating the birth of baby Jesus

Advent: The four Sunday's before Christmas

Jesus: Christian's believe Jesus was the son of their God who was born on Christmas day

Did you know?

'Jingle Bells' was the first song played in space!

