



Jerry Clay Academy

Subject Unit Overview Subject: RE Year Group: 3 Term: Autumn 2  
"Why are festivals important?"

### Core Learning of This Unit:

- Pupils remember and celebrate significant events/people, inc. why/how they do this from their own lives
- Consider the meanings of the stories behind key religious festivals, e.g Christmas, Easter, Harvest in Christianity, Diwali in Hinduism, Pesach, Yom Kippur in Judaism, Eid in Islam.
- Describe how believers express the meaning of religious festivals through symbols, sounds, actions, story and rituals.
- Notice and think about similarities and differences between the way festival are celebrated e.g. Christmas or Holy Week within different Christian traditions; between home and places of worship.
- Consider questions about the role of festivals in the life of Britain today: Is Comic Relief day a bigger festival than Easter? Should Christmas be for the Christians or for everyone?

### Prior Learning:

From KS1: Children will have learnt about Islam and Christianity in detail including the key festivals celebrated

Children will have taken part in Easter, Harvest and Christmas celebrations across school and will have visited a Christian church/cathedral at least twice.

All children will have visited a mosque.

### National Curriculum Statements:

By the end of KS2 pupils should have been taught to:

- Understand links between stories and other aspects of the communities they are investigating
- Understand the challenges of commitment to a community of faith or belief, suggesting why belonging to a community may be valuable
- Consider and apply ideas about ways in which diverse communities can live together for the wellbeing of all
- Explore and describe a range of beliefs, symbols and actions so that they can understand different ways of expressing meaning.
- Show understanding of similarities and differences within and between different religions and worldviews.
- Discuss and apply their own and others' ideas about ethical questions response.

### Key Vocabulary:

- Prayer
- Gayatri Mantra
- Lord's Prayer
- First Surah
- Prophet Muhamad
- Jesus
- God / Allah
- Hope
- Questions
- Answers

### Significant People

- Rama and Sita