

## Year 7 – Knowledge Organiser – Spring Term- Celebrations

### What is a celebration?

Celebrations are an important part of human life. They are one of the things that make us uniquely human. All peoples and cultures, from every part of the world, take part in and hold celebrations to mark special events and special times in someone's life. Some celebrations may be small and personal events, such as birthdays, when the uniqueness of the individual is celebrated. Others may be very public and take place over a longer period of time. Celebrations can be powerful expressions of identity and affirm a sense of community. They also serve as a means of perpetuating traditions whether those of a family, community or a country

### Some major religious celebrations:

**Christianity** – Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, Advent, Christmas Day

**Islam** – Day of Hijra, Mawlid al-Nabi, Laylat al-Qadr, Eid alFitr, Dhu al-Hijja, Eid al-Adha

**Judaism** – Shabbat, Purim, Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Hanukkah

**Buddhism** – Parinirvana, Hana Matsuri, Wesak, Obon, Esala Perahera, Kathina, Nirvana Day

### Find out about the following festivals:

Chinese New Year, Martisor, Holi, Diwali, Ramadan, Easter, New Year's Eve, International Women's Day, Valentine's Day, Saint Patrick's Day, Shrove Tuesday, Lent and Mardi Gras.

Choose one special occasion and explain it!

- birthdays
- weddings
- a new baby
- passing a test
- someone coming home after along time

What is the purpose of celebrating this special occasion?

Why is it special to your family?

How does your family celebrate this special occasion?

Is it a good thing to celebrate?

Why?

Can you think of other celebrations?

### Key vocabulary:

custom, celebration, festival, tradition, birthday, wedding, christening, Bonfire night, Diwali, fireworks, Hanukkah, Advent, Christmas, New Year. **Use a dictionary to find the meaning of the words above.**

### Celebrate–

Having a party or day to remember or be thankful for someone/something.

**Holiday**– A day that you may have off from school/work to hold a celebration.

**Past**– something that has already happened.  
Food/ decorations/ dress– Something that you may have at a celebration.

**Religion**– Something that people believe that may be celebrated.

**Investigate**– To find out if something is correct/best.

**Predict**– To make a guess.

**Design an invitation for a celebration of your own. Think about what you need to include!**