

# Festivals — Let it Shine!

## Festivals we learn about:

**Bonfire Night** on the 5th November.

**Diwali**, the Hindu festival of light which celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil. This year it was celebrated on 20th October.

**Hanukkah**, a Jewish festival of light, this year will be celebrated between the 14th to 22nd December.

**Christmas**, a Christian celebration of Jesus' birth on 25th December.

## Religious Education (R.E)

We will read and discuss different religious stories linked to celebrations in different faiths.

We will learn about the symbolism of light in different religions.

St Luke's church will visit to carry out a 'Messy Church' workshop about advent and light.

## Art

We will be creating firework paintings and collages.

We will use chalk, blocks and ICT to create rangoli patterns.

We will be modelling with clay to create a Diva lamp.

We will be cutting and shaping materials to create Christmas cards and decorations.

## Science

Key knowledge:

Seasons: Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer.

Plants change throughout the year.

Deciduous trees lose their leaves and some animals hibernate.

In Autumn and Winter the weather is colder and the nights are longer. Light sources are important in the winter.

## Nativity

We will be retelling the story of the first Christmas through drama and song by performing a Nativity play.