Knowledge Organiser - Reception Autumn 2 - Celebrations, Light and Winter Wonders!

Key Vocabulary

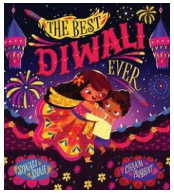
Celebrate – to do something special and happy for an event (like a birthday or festival).
Festival – a special time when people come together to enjoy and share traditions.
Light – something that shines so we can see (like the sun, lamps, or candles).
Safety – being careful so we don't get hurt.
Remember – to think about something or someone from before.
Sparkle – to shine brightly with little flashes of light, like Christmas decorations or frost on a winter morning.
Frozen – when something is very cold and turns to ice.
Friendship – being kind, caring, and helping each other.
Journey – going from one place to another.
Family – people who love and care for each other, like parents, grandparents, or siblings.
Winter – the coldest season, when it might snow or be icy.
Kindness – being friendly and helping others feel happy.

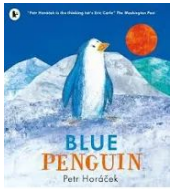
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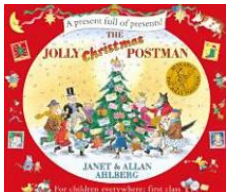
Respect – showing care and thought for other people, places, and things.

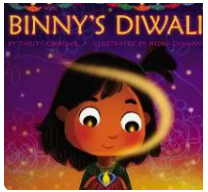
Tradition – something people have done in the same way for a long time, like a family celebration.

Topic books









PE days - Mrs Halliday (RNH)- Monday
Mrs Clarke (RLC) - Thursday

10 Facts to Know (Knowledge)

1. Bonfire Night is celebrated on **November 5th**.
2. Fireworks are exciting but must be watched **safely** with an adult.
3. **Diwali** is a festival of light celebrated by many Hindu and Sikh families.
4. **Remembrance Day** helps us think about and thank people who helped keep us safe in the past.
5. **Poppies** are worn to help us remember those people.
6. The **Nativity** is the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, where he was laid in a manger because there was no room at the inn.
7. **Winter** is the coldest season, when the weather can be frosty, icy, or snowy.
8. **Penguins** live in very cold places and can't fly, but they are strong swimmers.
9. **Christmas** celebrates the birth of Jesus and is also a time for giving and being kind.
10. We can show **friendship and teamwork** by helping others.

10 things I need to know (skills)

1. Retell familiar stories in order using story language.
2. Talk about how characters are feeling and why.
3. Use new vocabulary linked to celebrations and winter in play and talk.
4. Work together to achieve a shared goal.
5. Follow firework safety and discuss how to keep safe.
6. Make repeating patterns (e.g. Diwali rangoli or wrapping paper designs).
7. Use tools safely (scissors, glue, cutters) to make creative art.
8. Explore materials that melt, freeze, or change in winter.
9. Show understanding of different traditions and celebrations.
10. Use counting and comparing skills in practical contexts (vegetables, snowflakes, decorations).

You can help at home by: **Talk and share stories** – Read winter/celebration stories together, and talk about family celebrations or traditions.

Explore the season – Go on a winter walk to look for frost, ice, or changes in trees; discuss how the weather feels and what animals might be doing.