Time to celebrate!

Autumn 2 2026

Beesley Class

Talking Mat

The big question:

What celebrations are important to different people?

<u>Key Vocabulary that will be used throughout the topic:</u>

Celebrate
Celebration
Diwali
Hannukah
Diva
Rangoli
Bonfire
Christmas
Nativity
Fireworks
Seasons
Change
Weather
Special
Past
Present
Family Relationships
Culture
Diversity
Differences
Unique
Country
Home
Abroad

<u>How to use this talking mat at home?</u>

For each topic we cover in EYFS we will be sending a copy of this talking mat home. There will also be a copy on Seesaw and the school website for you to access.

As the children will be learning lots of new words we have decided to send home a vocabulary list of words that we will be teaching for you too to use at home.

In addition we have added key talking points for you to consider sharing with your child to be used as a discussion and to aid with their understanding. You may to support your child with key speaking skills- speaking in full sentences, adding in detail and speaking clearly.

<u>Can you help your child to answer?</u>

- How do people celebrate?
- How do celebrations change throughout the year?
- How are celebrations the same and different?
- What is the weather like at Christmas?
- What do we need when we celebrate Bonfire Night?

<u>Talking points at home</u>:

- What do we celebrate as a family?
- When is our next celebration?
- What celebrations do you take part in?
- Which celebration is your favourite and why?
- Can you remember when we celebrated…. Last?
- What does the family do to celebrate…?
- How many celebrations can we think of that uses lights?
- Why is light important in celebrations?