

Monday 13th July

Theme - Celebration

Step 1 - Festival of Colours

Holi is a popular ancient [Hindu festival](#), also known as the Indian "festival of spring", the "festival of colours", or the "festival of love. The festival signifies the victory of good over evil. Holi is also known as the festival of colour, when Hindus celebrate the beauty of colour that God has put into the world. The children have a lot of fun throwing coloured paint at each other with their friends. Different colours symbolise different virtues of the soul, such as power, purity and love.

Have a look at the picture:



Step 2 - Youtube 'Get an Up-Close Look at the Colorful Holi Festival | National Geographic' or follow the link to see more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbFIkJ8KFZ8>

Discussion Points -

Why do you think the people in the photograph have gathered?	Do you know anything about the festival of colours?	Would you like to be there?
What is a 'tradition'? Are there any traditions that you adhere to?	Why do people celebrate the festival in this way?	What would it feel like to be standing in the crowd or on top of the bus?

English task

Tasks -Early Years

Can you draw a picture of a tradition that you follow in your school or home?

Explain either by telling a grown up or by writing some sentences to describe what happens.

Tasks - Key Stage 1

Using your senses is often an effective way to describe a scene to the reader.

Can you use all of your 5 senses to describe what it would be like to be there in the picture?

Tasks - Lower Key Stage 2

Watch this video in which 14-year-old Simran and 11-year-old Vraj are excited about the spring festival of Holi.

It celebrates new life, and the victory of good over evil.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks2-my-life-my-religion-hinduism-holi-spring-festival/zkkygwx>

In this video you will hear the story of Prince Prahlad, a pious boy who insisted on worshipping the God Vishnu instead of his father the king. Prahlad's aunt Holika tried to kill him on a bonfire, but the flames killed her instead.

It will also explain that Hindus mark the festival by building bonfires which they believe purify the air of anything evil.

We see the children at a Holi bonfire, putting coconuts on the fire. Offerings such as popcorn, coconuts and chickpeas are thrown onto the fire as offerings to God, to say thank you for the spring and the crops.

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On this day there are no rules, and they can throw colours at anyone without being told off.

Which parts of the festival celebrations do you think you would enjoy the most? Imagine if you were invited to celebrate this festival what would you do, who would you invite to come with you? Write about your day of celebration.

Tasks - Upper Key Stage 2

Watch this video in which 14-year-old Simran and 11-year-old Vraj are excited about the spring festival of Holi.

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Imagine you have been asked to explain the festival of Holi in assembly.

Using what you have learned from the videos, create an information poster to give a presentation about what Holi means for Hindu people and how it is celebrated.

You could film your presentation and upload it to Seesaw to show your teachers!

Maths task

Ip Dip

"Ip dip sky blue! Who's 'it'? It's you!"

Have you ever used this rhyme to decide who is 'it' in a game?

If you were playing a game with one friend and you wanted to be chosen to be 'it', would you start the rhyme pointing at yourself or your friend?

If there were three of you, how would you position yourself so that you were sure you'd be chosen?

How about with four of you? Five ...? Six ...? Seven ...? Eight ...? Nine ...? Ten ...? And so on?

How would you predict where you should stand to be chosen for any number of players?

Well-being task

A great game to play indoors or outdoors that will definitely make you laugh!

Jumping Beans

When someone shouts out a type of bean, everyone else has to do the action below:

Baked bean: crouch down into a ball

Runner bean: run on the spot

Jumping bean: jump up and down

Magic bean: freestyle move!



Outdoor Learning

Today you will go outdoors and spot as many colours as you can.

Take a look at buildings, transport, etc.

Collect natural objects and make a display of all the different coloured objects you find. Can you make a colourful picture or collage using all the things you collect? It can be realistic or abstract.

How many different greens can you collect? Collect different leaves or even types of grasses. Line them up in order from lightest to darkest.

If you pick dandelions or daisies; how many different colours are they made of? You may want to pull them apart and use the different parts to help make your picture or collage.

If you have permission from an adult you may find some other flowers or different grasses that you are allowed to pick.



Grasses come in all shapes and sizes.

Which colours did you find hard to spot?

Creative Learning

The Holi festival celebrates the start of spring with magnificent music, colours and dancing.

Create a piece of artwork that captures this celebration and gives people an idea of what the festival is like - watch the video again to help you.

Use coloured pencils, pens or paints to create your artwork.

Here are some examples to inspire you.

