

Skills focus for this term:

- Communication – Expressing Learning through roleplay. Show I'm listening and explain what I've heard.
- Self-Management – Turn taking and Listening for Learning. Be responsible for my behavior.

Things to look forward to:

- Halloween & Party
- Making various lanterns
- St Andrew's Day ceilidh dancing
- Christmas Party & Nativity Performance
- Working alongside P1 for structured group time sessions



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## Traditional Customs & Celebrations

Though our next theme we will be looking at some of our and world traditional customs and celebrations from Halloween, Guy Fawkes night, Diwali, St Andrew's day right to the lead up to Christmas.

At the moment our roleplay area is a spooky Witches kitchen where we can mix potions, stir our cauldron and cast spooky spells. This will change as we move from one celebration to the next. We will be focusing on lots of stories with lots of opportunities to retell and act out as we deconstruct the text. Our number focus will be sharing out equally and looking at fractions as we learn about halving, quartering especially at snack times

"It takes an endless amount of history to make even a little tradition"

Henry James

Since the 1950s, researchers have studied the role of traditions and rituals in family life. Holidays and other special occasions whether weekly or yearly give kids a feeling of belonging and make them feel part of a special group. That support and sense of identity is essential for a child's emotional health. Families join with extended families, and the present is connected to the past through traditions, storytelling, and reminiscing. Research shows that talking about the past with family members makes kids' memories stronger over time. It's not just holidays we should inject with tradition, either. Week nights sitting around the dinner table talking about your highs and lows of the day/week are just as an important ritual. Start a new tradition for your family e.g In the Autumn go out for regular walks by moonlight in your PJs and wellies!

### Key learning this theme

- I can I can listen to a story and participate in related activity to demonstrate some understanding of the text.
- I can share out items equally.
- I can cut into halves, quarters etc.
- I can join in with PATH's and talk/learn about my emotions.
- I can join in with turn taking games.
- I can celebrate various festivals and customs.
- I can contribute to group discussions.

### Things that can be done at home:

- Spin a globe and pick a country...research traditions from there and let us know back in school
- Talk with your child about the fun you had at Halloween.
- Carve a pumpkin/turnip together.
- Go trick or treating to friends and families houses
- Attend a firework display then get creative with glue and glitter.
- Make a jam jar lantern with some tissue paper.
- Put on some Scottish music & have a wee ceilidh dance in the living room...don't forget to clap along to the beat!
- Write a letter to Santa.
- Make or bake a gift for your granny!

