



Home Learning Project: Celebrations

Week 7

Age Range: Year 1/2

Weekly Maths Tasks

- Year 2 only – Work on [TTRockStars](#).
- Play on [Daily 10](#) - play levels 1 or 2 to practise adding and subtracting.
- Practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. This [game](#) could support this.
- On a calendar go through and write down when different family members birthdays are or when special events are happening in your family.
- Practise telling the time in words. This could be done through this [game](#) (scroll down to access the game). Read to the hour, half hour and quarter past.
- Choose and write the name of a 3D shape of your choice. List how many edges, vertices and faces it has.

Weekly Reading Tasks

- Find a book where you can see the characters celebrating. Is it a birthday? Can you read the book to someone over the phone?
- Read the story Kipper's Birthday. Discuss how it may be similar or the same to your birthday celebration.
- Create a celebration book with your family. Can you add sound buttons onto the words?
- Create a Celebration Reading Den. What will you have in there? Who can read in there with you? Will you have cushions in there so you are comfortable?
- Read a poem about a celebration you have had or looking forward to celebrating with your family.

Weekly Spelling Tasks

- Daily phonics - your child to practice their sounds and blend words. Interactive games found on links below.
- [Phonics play](#)
- [Top Marks](#)
- [Spelling](#)
- Spell the days of the week
- Spell [common exception words](#)

Weekly Writing Tasks

- Write an invitation for a celebration. This could be a birthday party, Easter celebration etc.
- Create a list of all of the celebration days they can recall and write a sentence about what they remember about each.
- Invent a story involving a celebration. They could write it out or make a story map. Encourage your child to use story language.
- Create a birthday card for the next family member's birthday. Try and add a rhyming poem in the middle.
- Write a menu for a special celebration. It could be Christmas dinner or a Diwali feast.

Learning project

This project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more about celebrations. Learning may focus on different types of celebrations that take place and who may celebrate them. It could look at how people celebrate different events differently in other parts of the world.

Let's pray -

Envelope Prayers

- You will need three envelopes labelled thanks, praise or sorry. You might even use different coloured envelopes.
- Children can write prayers (at any time) and put them in the relevant envelope. When it is time to pray together you could take out the prayers to read together.
- If you want the prayers to remain private you could hold out the envelope and say "We offer all our prayers here today to the Lord our God."
- As an alternative to envelopes you can use boxes or baskets.
- Use sticky notes or the multi-coloured memo pads.
- You could also physically offer up these prayers at a phase/key stage or whole school assembly where a couple of children process to the front to place the prayers on or around the prayer focus.

Home Liturgy - Dan and Emily from One Life music have recorded a [weekly liturgy](#) for families to share at home. Find some time in the day to pray together during this difficult time. It is such a wonderful way to bring us together as a community of prayer.

What does celebration mean to you? - [Watch](#) some of the clips with your child. Make an A-Z list of celebrations around the world. How many can they find? What have they celebrated this year with their friends and family? Can they remember celebrating their birthday? How did they celebrate their birthday? Could they draw a picture of their special celebration? Can they interview a family member about their favourite celebration? What did they do? Who can they remember?

Create a celebration card for a family member - What will they put on the front? Will it be pictures or will they write a birthday poem? Can they use different materials to design their celebration card?

Bake a cake - Weigh out the ingredients and bake a cake for a celebration. Can they write the instructions and send them to a friend?

Design a celebration party - Ask your child to choose a celebration. Who would they invite? Get them to make a list of things they will need? (banners, balloons etc...) Would they have to have a dress code? Can they design a celebration invitation? On a piece of paper can they think about the colours and pictures they may have?

Months - Can your child name the months in order? What do they notice about them? (Look at the letters at the beginning of the month.) Can they think of a celebration for each month they may have with their family? Find out when it's people's birthdays or anniversaries. Which month has the most celebrations?

Seasons - Ask your child how many seasons we have? Can they name them? [Watch 1](#) [Watch 2](#) Ask them to look outside their window and see if they can name the season we are in at the moment. What can they see? Can they see any flowers? Or new buds? Can they draw a picture of what they can see using different materials?

Calendar - Collect some materials to create a seasons calendar. Think about the design and what they will need.

Spring is in the air - Spring is around us: Can they look around the house to see what they can use to make a crafty spring project.

Celebrations across the four season - Think about all of the celebrations we have around the world. Can they name them and place them into the correct seasons?

Autumn: Diwali, Bonfire Night, Harvest Festival , Hanukkah

Winter: Christmas, New Year

Spring: Holi, Easter, Mother's day

Summer: Father's day, EID, Vesak

Create a card for each of these celebrations - How will their designs be different? Are there particular colours they can use? Could they make a pop up card? Could they make a card using no pen and only fabric?

Think about Easter celebrations - What is the Easter story? Why is Easter a special celebration for us? What do we do at Easter time? Could they make an Easter card for a friend at school?

Have they ever taken part in an 'Egg and Spoon Race'? Find four friends or family members to take part. (The rule is to balance an egg or similarly shaped item upon a spoon and race with it to the finishing line) You can decide on the prize: it could be an Easter Egg or a day of wearing PJs all day!

Traditional celebration -Talk to an adult and ask about any traditional celebrations you may have as a family. Why do you celebrate them? How do you celebrate them and when? Do you have to wear different clothes and eat different food?

Gather the family and sing the song '[Celebration](#)' - Can you add actions to the dance? Could you have a concert and perform to your family and friends?