

Expressing

Year: 3 Term: 2

Key question: How do people from religious and non-religious communities celebrate key festivals?

• Think about times in our own lives when we remember and celebrate significant events/people, and why and how we do this. Are there similarities and differences in practices across the class? Why might this be?

Using some inference grids with pictures showing some Christmas celebration practices, religious and secular, what is happening in each?

• Choose a series of Christmas practices to explore, at least one celebrated at church and one from home e.g.

nativity service, Christingle service, decorating the house, carol singing. Find out

information about how, why and by whom these are done. Plan one of these activities e.g. a nativity service, explaining why certain parts of the celebration happen, who might join in or not join in.

Be a Sociology investigator: look at information about how many people in the UK celebrate Christmas and how they say they celebrate. What is interesting or surprising?

Compare answers gathered on the celebration of Christmas using the two disciplines. How were they different or similar?

• Choose another festival from another religious or non-religious worldview to study and apply similar strategies e.g. look at a Jewish festival such as Chanukah or Sukkot and how that is celebrated by religious and secular Jews and Jewish people from different communities.

Vocabulary

Chanukah	Hanukkah (also spelled Chanukah or Chanukkah) is a Jewish holiday that lasts for eight nights and usually occurs in December.
Sukkot	Sukkot is a week-long Jewish holiday that celebrates the fall harvest. It is one of the most joyful festivals in Judaism, meant to bring families, friends and communities together.
secular	This is the idea of something being not religious or not connected to a church.
sociological	The scientific study of human societies, or groups. Scientists in this field are called sociologists. Sociology is one of the social sciences.
worldview	A person's way of understanding, experiencing and responding to the world, or a philosophy of life.
Christingle	Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings people together to shine the light and spread a message of hope for Christians.
orthodox	Orthodox practices or beliefs are those that are generally accepted as true or correct by the majority of people.

Key Questions:

- How do people celebrate Christmas?
- What have we learnt about how people celebrate Christmas?
- What can we learn about how people celebrate different festivals?
- What is the role of festivals in Britain today?



Chanukah



Sukkot