



# Natural Disasters - Why do religions have festivals? Year 4 Knowledge organisers Spring 2

Hillcross Primary School

## Applying Past Knowledge

This learning links with the lessons you had in previous year groups where you have learnt about religious festivals such as Christmas and Harvest. It also links to the assemblies which teach about festivals celebrated by different religions such as: Hanukkah, Ramadan, Diwali etc.

## 1. What are festivals? Which do you celebrate and why?

- \* A day or time to celebrate a special event, often a **religious one**, like **Christmas, Holi or Diwali**.
- \* Different religious groups celebrate in different ways e.g. **giving gifts, saying prayers, visiting a place of worship, eating certain foods, wearing different clothes.**



## 2. What is Easter and how do Christians celebrate it?

- \* Celebration of **Jesus rising from the dead**, 3 days after he was **executed** (killed).
- \* **Palm Sunday** celebrates **Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem**.
- \* **Good Friday** celebrates the **execution (killing) of Jesus by crucifixion** (killing someone by nailing his or her feet and hands to a cross).

## 3. What is the festival of Holi and how is it celebrated?

- \* Celebrates **spring, love, and new life**.
- \* Celebration of the **Hindu god Krishna and the legend of Holika and Prahlad**.

## 4. What is the festival of Passover (Pesach) and how is it celebrated?

- \* Celebrates the story of **Exodus**.
- \* **Jews** remember how their **ancestors left slavery and were led out of Egypt by Moses**.
- \* Evening before Passover starts, Jews have a special service called a **Seder** (Order).
- \* The story of Exodus is told from a book called the **Haggadah**, everyone reads a part.
- \* Each item on plate has a significant meaning.

## 5. What is the festival of Eid-ul-Fitr and how is it celebrated?

- \* Eid is the festival at the end of **Ramadan**.
- \* Ramadan is the month of **fasting when they give up eating and drinking during the day**.
- \* Muslims pray, think and donate to those less fortunate than themselves.
- \* The day starts with prayers and a big meal is usually the main event and gifts are ex-

## Key Vocabulary

Festival	A day or period of celebration, typically for religious reasons .
Resurrection	the rising of Christ from the dead
Easter	A Christian festival, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.
Holi	A Hindu festival, celebrating the arrival of spring . It signifies the victory of good over evil.
Nanakshahi	The Sikh New Year.
Pesach	The Jewish term for the Passover festival- this is when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.
Therevada	is the official religion of Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and Cambodia, and the main dominant Buddhist variant found in Laos and Thailand
Eid-ul-Fitr	"Festival of Breaking the Fast", is a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims and marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan.

