RE Knowledge Organiser		
Year: 1&2 1.1 Celebrations and festivals	**Term: Autumn 2**	**Topic: Celebrations**

Vocabulary	Meaning
celebration	a special event for a group of people or an individual person.
Divali	A Hindu and Sikh festival of light.
diva	a clay oil lamp which can be lit
Pesach	A Jewish festival.
Hannukah	A Jewish festival of light.
Christmas	A Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Birthdays, weddings, harvest, Christenings, anniversaries are all celebrations.





Hannukah is the Jewish festival of lights. It celebrates a miracle that happened in Jerusalem over 2000 years ago.

It celebrated in November or December each year and lasts for 8 days.




Divali is a Hindu and Sikh festival.

It is the festival of light and is celebrated in late Autumn.

Divali celebrates the victory of good over evil and light over darkness.

Some Hindus remember the story of Rama and Sita returning home. Their way was lit by lamps so people often light divas.




Christmas is a Christian festival where people celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christians believe that Jesus was the son of God.



Pesach is a Jewish festival to give thanks to God for freeing Jewish people from slavery in Egypt.



Passover (Pesach in Hebrew) is one of the most important festivals of the Jewish year.

It is a Spring festival and celebrations last for 8 days.

Learning Objectives	
Lesson 1	I know some special occasions are called celebrations and what happens at these times.
Lesson 2	I know why and how Hindus celebrate Diwali.
Lesson 3	I know why and how Jewish people celebrate Pesach.
Lesson 4	I can learn about the importance of Hannukah to Jewish people
Lesson 5	I know why and how Christians celebrate Christmas (KS1 Nativity performance).
Lesson 6	I can show what I have learnt.