

Optional Homework for Festivals - Purple Class (5 weeks)

We will continue to underline tasks that are more easily completed by children independently, but will also include some worksheets at the request of some families.

1 English (Communication, Reading and Writing)	2 Creative Arts (Music, Art, Dance)	3 Humanities (RE, Geography, History, Philosophy)	4 Mathematics and Technology (Maths, DT, IT, Science)
<p><u>In our literacy story, The Proud Peacock, the theme of humility is explored. Write your own short story with a moral (lesson) e.g. being kind, being helpful, sharing.</u></p> <p>Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose the moral Decide what will happen in the story Use full sentences, CL, FS, sense Use expanded noun phrases to describe e.g. <u>kind, friendly girl</u> 	<p>Festivals are usually happy times where people like to have fun and listen to music. Be a composer and create your own rhythmic music using an instrument if you play one or objects from around the house (ask a grown up first!)</p> <p>Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose instrument/find objects with different sounds Vary the tempo Use some repeated rhythms Record it if you can so you can listen back and improve 	<p>Buddhism is one of the major religions in the world. Research Buddhism (website below) and make a leaflet or poster explaining the main beliefs and practices.</p> <p>Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research using books or internet (website below) Find key information Present information in a poster or leaflet 	<p>Practise these mental maths facts until you can recall them fluently (that means say them straight away without thinking for too long):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number bonds to 10 and 20 (e.g. 6+4/4+6; 16+4/14+6) Adding and subtracting tens from any 2 digit number (e.g. 34-20, 62+30) Halves (of even numbers) and doubles up to 20+20
<p>Using non-fiction books or the internet (encyclopaedia website below), find out some interesting facts about festivals or celebrations. Create a true or false quiz using these facts.</p> <p>Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CL for sentence starts and proper nouns Cursive handwriting with clear ascenders and descenders Correct punctuation 	<p><u>Festivals often celebrate special people or beliefs and can involve decorations! Create your own bunting decoration where each flag shows something that's special to you.</u></p> <p>Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decide what is important to you Create some flags Choose your media – computer programme, paint, collage, pastel Complete each flag and join them together 	<p>In philosophy we often explore statements that may lead to different points of view. Think about this statement and decide if you challenge or agree.</p> <p><i>'The most important part of festivals is spending time together.'</i></p> <p>Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider reasons to agree Consider reasons to challenge Explain your own opinion 	<p>Viking bread was very popular last homework so here's some more cooking for you to enjoy! Vesak is Buddhist new year. This rice pudding (kheer) is enjoyed during Vesak. Have a go at making your own (recipe on reverse). This time enjoy it at home – we don't need 29 rice puddings in school ☺</p> <p>Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read recipe carefully Gather ingredients and weigh/measure accurately (nuts can be left out for those who need to!) Follow steps Use good hygiene and safety tips
<p><u>Ask your teacher for a worksheet for Literacy.</u></p>	<p><u>Hana Matsuri is a Buddhist festival celebrated in Japan. It means 'floral festival' and is a celebration of the Buddha's birth and also of the coming of spring. Create your own celebration piece of artwork with the title 'Floral Festival'.</u></p> <p>Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at different flowers/images for inspiration Choose your media – computer programme, paint, collage, pastel Careful drawings Create and improve 	<p>Poson Day is the celebration of the arrival of Buddhism to Sri Lanka. Imagine you are going on a visit to celebrate Poson. You leave from Birmingham airport and travel to Sri Lanka. What would you see from the aeroplane on your journey? Which countries could you stop off in?</p> <p>Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at an atlas or world map (online if preferred) Spot countries between UK and Sri Lanka Notice the main physical or human features in these countries (e.g. the colosseum in Italy) 	<p><u>Ask your teacher for a worksheet for Maths.</u></p>
<p>Helpful websites https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/more-find-out/festivals-and-holidays/ - festivals encyclopaedia http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/religion/buddhism.htm - research website</p>			

Look at the activities above. The activities are divided into four columns. You need to choose one activity to complete each week. You must choose at least one activity in each column. After that the choice is yours.

- To help you organise your homework, it is a good idea to do a little every day. You can spend as long as you wish, but around one hour per week should be enough for most activities.
- If you have a brother or sister at Blackwell, you could work together on an activity.
- It is helpful if grown ups help you, but please do the work yourself.
- The work should be filed in your homework book. Examples of good homework will be displayed in the hall.

Reading for this half term: daily please for at least 10 minutes and make sure you talk about the book with someone.

EXPECTATIONS

- Please complete written work in **pencil** and file into your homework book. Some work may require a photograph.
 - Present work in a way that is clear and easy for people to read
- Homework sheets will be sent home at the start of a topic and one piece can be handed in each MONDAY
- Activity sheets will be available from class teachers on Fridays if children request them during the week**
 - Feedback from the teacher will be provided in the workbook

Rice pudding

This rice pudding is sometimes known as kheer. It's a creamy mix of rice and milk, and is a popular treat during Vesak. It reminds Buddhists of the story of the maiden who offered a golden bowl of porridge to Buddha.

This is a very simple recipe to make, with only a handful of ingredients.

TIME:

About 45 minutes

SERVES:

4 people

TOOLS:

weighing scales
large saucepan
stirring spoon

Vegitarian

Gluten Free

INGREDIENTS:

700 ml whole milk
40 g white rice
40 g white granulated sugar
¼ teaspoon ground cardamom (you can grind these seeds yourself in a pestle and mortar)
60 g pistachios, chopped
¼ teaspoon almond extract



STEPS:

1

Bring the milk to a simmer over medium heat. Add the rice. Reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, for about 30 minutes until the rice is soft and the amount of milk has been reduced by about half. Stir very frequently so that the milk and rice do not stick to the bottom of the pan.



2

Remove from the heat. Add the sugar, cardamom, pistachios and almond extract.



3

Sir the mixture in the pan well. You can serve this dish hot or cold.

