

# HomeTalk

Thoughtful Conversations for Families  
and Schools

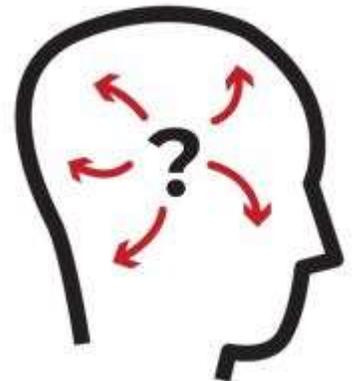
Issue 30 - Celebrations



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# This week's focus is celebrations

Let us celebrate the occasion with wine and sweet words.



Plautus – Roman playwright  
254-184 BCE

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<https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/celebrate-quotes>

Instead of hate,  
celebrate.

Prince – singer/songwriter



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It is a fair, even-handed, noble adjustment of things, that while there is infection in disease and sorrow, there is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humour.

Charles Dickens – writer (A Christmas Carol)

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<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/123815-it-is-a-fair-even-handed-noble-adjustment-of-things-that>

## Caring thinking

- What does saying 'Thank you' mean?

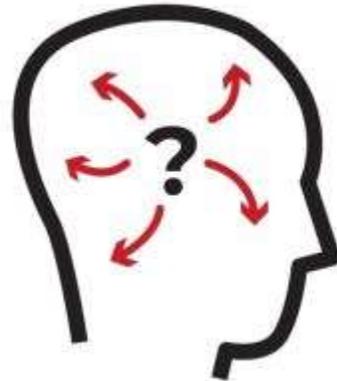


## Collaborative thinking

- If you were able to choose a new day of celebration for the whole world to celebrate together, what would it be called?

## Creative thinking

- What connects all the different festivals and celebrations around the world, religious and otherwise?



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## Critical thinking

- Are *all* celebrations meant to be joyful events?



**Think AHEAD**

Are you excited about Christmas?



**Think BACK**

It's almost a year since last Christmas – what sticks in your mind about this year?



**CONNECT**

What sights, sounds, smells and tastes do you associate with different celebrations?



**DIVIDE**

How many differences can you find between your birthday and Christmas?



**LISTEN/LOOK**

How do the celebrations that are important to you make you feel?



**ZOOM (in/out)**

ZOOM in on one thing in 2020 you would change

ZOOM out on 2021 – what are your hopes?

# HomeTalk discussion suggestions

For ages 3 – 5 years



<https://youtu.be/3VfChLAADS8>

## **The story of Hannukah – Sesame Street**

An entertaining look at the story of Hannukah, celebrated from December 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> in 2020.

## Talking Points

- Why do you think the first thing Judah and his people did was to clean up the temple?
- The oil lamp they lit lasted for 8 days and that is why Hannukah lasts for 8 days. Would you like other celebrations, like your birthday, to last that long?
- Which is your favourite celebration of the year?

## Activity

- Like all festivals and celebrations, food at Hannukah is important. Have a go at making some Hannukah treats with an adult.
- Here's a video that shows you how:
- <https://youtu.be/YYKnHqveEKg>

# HomeTalk discussion suggestions

For ages 6 – 9 years



<https://youtu.be/wCSgf9q71xw>

**Coming Home – Waitrose**

The Waitrose 2016 Christmas TV advertisement, featuring one of the world's most recognisable birds.

## Talking Points

- What evidence can you find in the video that suggests it's Christmas?
- The robin's journey seemed long and difficult. Do you think it was worth it?
- The robin is one symbol of Christmas – what others are there?
- Are there symbols of all religious festivals?

## Activity

- Celebrate National Robin Day, on December 21<sup>st</sup>
- Find lots of information here:  
<https://www.nationalrobinday.co.uk/>
- And there are lots of fun activities to do here:  
<https://www.nationalrobinday.co.uk/fun-with-the-kids>

# HomeTalk discussion suggestions

## For age 10+ years



<https://youtu.be/2ks1U-8bojU>

**New Year's Eve Fireworks Display, London 2020** – BBC

A huge fireworks display, originally founded by the Mayor of London, to celebrate the beginning of the New Year.

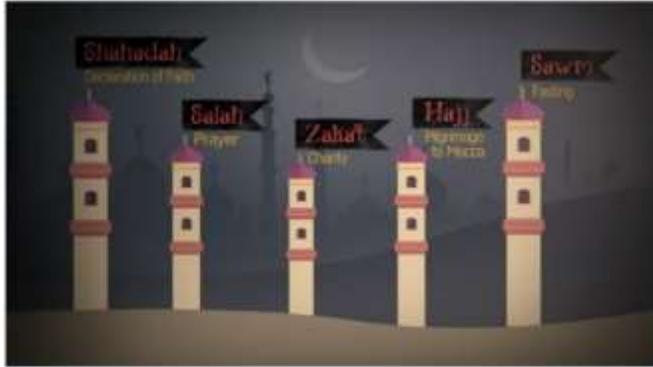
## Talking Points

- What do you think is the point of this fireworks display?
- The event in 2019/2020 cost £2.3m. Was it worth it?
- Why do you think fireworks are so popular for celebrations?
- What are we celebrating on New Year's Eve?
- Are resolutions easier to keep at New Year?

## Activity

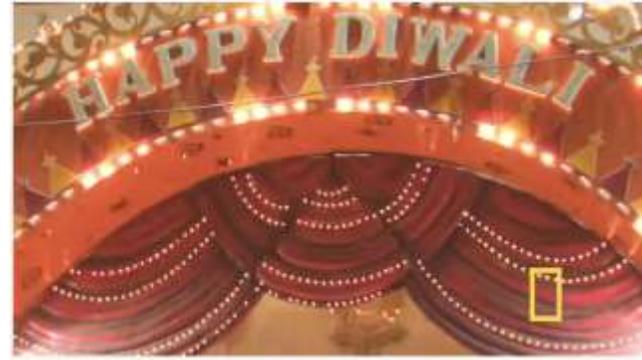
- Try and find the strangest custom for celebrating New Year's Eve (or New Year's Day).
- Here's something that will give you a start:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/38341760>

# Other world celebrations and religious festivals



Eid al-Fitr

<https://youtu.be/6OF4HEGNBRQ>



Diwali

<https://youtu.be/HrrW3rO51ak>



Vesak Day

<https://youtu.be/XJWVf0yXWnU>



Vaisakhi

<https://youtu.be/ fffDtJWUaM>

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International Kite Festival

<https://youtu.be/uhQWUISNd-I>

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- [Course brochure](#)

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