



Shadsworth Junior School



Curriculum

Year 3 Scheme of Work

Term: Autumn 1

Topic: Harvest: How do people of faith say thank you to God for the harvest?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Aims

- Build on knowledge gained in Key Stage 1, develop further pupils understanding that Harvest festivals are a traditional celebration to give thanks to God for the Gift of Harvest
- Increase pupils knowledge and understanding of the ways in which communities celebrate harvest around the world
- Deepen understanding of why harvest is celebrated by people of all faiths and world views
- Enable pupils to reflect on their own experiences of harvest festivals

Key Skills and Knowledge: Analyse, Investigate, Enquire

- Discuss the ways in which the harvest festivals experienced by the children have also illustrated the value of sharing and compassion.

- Know that people of all world faiths celebrate the harvest.
- Investigate how communities around the world celebrate harvest.
- To know why the harvest is celebrated by people of all faiths.
- Describe the ways in which Christian harvest festival celebrations show Christian values in action.
- Describe and recognise similarities between different religious harvest festivals
- Describe the key features of the Jewish festival of Sukkot.
- Describe the key features of the Hindu festival of Pongal.
- Express their own opinion as to why communities celebrate Harvest.

Reading and Writing Opportunities (Long and Short Activities)

Creative Ideas and Hooks

Read and record what the Bible says about Harvest.
 Read Harvest Service prayers and songs and investigate what they teach us about Harvest.
 Look at other communities around the world – how do they celebrate harvest?
 Create harvest artwork.
 Harvest acrostic poems.
 Link to world religions: The Hindu festival, Pongal -
 Create an overflowing pot.

Key Questions

- Why do communities celebrate the harvest?
- Why do Christians celebrate Harvest Festival?
- What exactly is being celebrated at harvest?
- Who celebrates the harvest?
- How do communities around the world celebrate harvest?
- Why is the harvest celebrated by people with faith and those of no faith?
- What does the Harvest Festival, and being thankful mean to you?

Links to PSHCE, Equality and British Values Work

Link to world faiths: How do people of faith say thank you to God for the Harvest? Judaism Hinduism.
 Shared Values – thankfulness and generosity. Respectful attitudes. How do we respond to the needs of others and why?
 The failure of the harvest is often connected with climate change – consider that it is our responsibility for taking care of the environment.

Key Vocabulary:

Resources Available / Visits/Visitors

Useful Websites:

Harvest Festival
 Thankfulness
 Sukkot
 Sukkah
 Pongal

Bibles

Christian Aid
 Tearfund
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-ks1-ks2-harvest-festival-food-being-thankful/z896qfr>

Previous Knowledge

In KS1 the Harvest unit explores the answer to the question 'How can we help those who do not have a good harvest?' Reflect again on this and think about the reasons why we help those living in countries where the harvest frequently fails.