

Year 2 Block 1 RE Knowledge Organiser - How do people show thanks?

Harvest Festivals

Christian - UK

Hindu - Asia



1. This Christian harvest festival takes place in September or October.
2. It is held on the Sunday of the Harvest Moon.
3. The Harvest Moon is the full moon at the start of Autumn.

1. This Hindu harvest festival is called Pongal.
2. This means 'to boil over'.
3. It celebrates God providing plenty of good produce from the farms (especially the Sun God, Surya, for helping things to grow).

1. Churches are decorated with baskets of fruit and other produce.
2. Christians say prayers and sing hymns.
3. These are to thank God for the good harvest.

1. At Pongal time, farm workers get a gift for their hard work.
2. Cows are thanked for their help as transportation and for their milk.
3. Farmers get a holiday to enjoy a break.

1. Schools hold special Harvest assemblies.
2. Children bring food in to school.
3. This is donated to those in need.

1. Hindus celebrate by making Pongal, a special food.
2. Pongal can be sweet or savoury.
3. The meal is offered to God as a way of saying thanks.

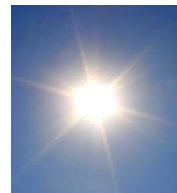
Vocabulary

1. Thanks	An expression of appreciation.
2. Significance	Importance.
3. Harvest	The process of gathering crops.
4. Necessity	Something which is needed.
5. Produce	Products grown on a farm - crops.
6. Creation	The making of the universe, by God.
7. Festival	A day or period of celebration.
8. Stewardship	The job of taking care of something.
9. Pongal	The Tamil new year Harvest festival.
10. Donate	Give money or items for a good cause.

Did you know that there are around 100 different harvest festival around the world at different times of the year?

People of many religions believe that God created...

1. Light



2. Water



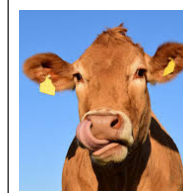
3. Plants



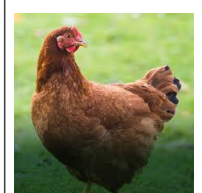
4. Sea creatures



5. Land animals



6. Birds



...and all of these things help to provide us with essential food and drink to survive.