

# Year 2, Autumn 2: Festivals

## Bonfire Night

Country of origin: England  
Continent: Europe  
Celebrating the failure of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605. Guy Fawkes wanted to blow up the Houses of Parliament.



## Hanukkah

Country of origin: Israel  
Continent: Asia  
The Jewish festival of lights. It celebrates the miracle in the temple that the Maccabees repaired. The Menorah had oil for one day, but it burnt for eight days!



## Chinese New Year

Country of origin: China  
Continent: Asia  
A 'Spring Festival' that celebrates the Lunar New Year. Each year is named after one of the 12 zodiac animals. It lasts for 15 days.



## The Elephant Festival

Country of origin: Thailand  
Continent: Asia  
Elephants are an important part of Buddhist teachings and are sacred animals. Elephants take part in parades, banquets and a tug of war!



## Holi

Country: India  
Continent: Asia  
The Hindu festival of spring and colours. People throw coloured powder and water. It celebrates the legend of Holika and Prahlad and the Hindu god Krishna.



| Key Vocabulary | Definition   |
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| Festival       | A time of celebration.   |
| Celebrate      | To do something special or enjoyable for an important event.   |
| Levers         | A simple part of a mechanism that turns on a pivot.  |
| Linkages       | Lengths of material that are joined together by pivots so that they can move as part of a mechanism. |
| Drip painting  | Abstract art by Jackson Pollock where paint is dripped or poured onto a canvas.                      |
| Animation      | A type of film made from lots of images joined together so it looks like they are moving.            |
| tempo          | The speed of music: how fast or slow it is.  |
| pitch          | How high or low a sound is.  |

## A rhyme to remember Bonfire Night:

Remember remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November,  
Gunpowder, treason and plot.  
I see no reason why gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot!

