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In this lesson, we shall learn about :

- ▣ Social festivals
- ▣ National festivals



▣ *New Words*

candles, earthen, effigies, greeting cards, lungars, crackers, processions, splash

We live in **India**.

Our country is the **land of festivals**.

We **celebrate** many festivals.

They bring **joy** and **happiness** in our life.

We have **lots of fun** on festival days.



▣ *Activity*

Which is your favourite festival ?

Remember Festivals bring unity among the people of different religions.

Diwali is one of the important festivals. It is the festival of lights. It is celebrated all over India. People light **candles, earthen lamps** and other lights.



We worship Lord **Ganesha** and Goddess **Lakshmi**. We play with fire crackers. We give sweets, gifts and send greeting cards to our friends and relatives.



Activity Write the other name of Diwali.

Holi is also an important festival. It is known as the **festival of colours**. We play with **colours** and splash **coloured water** on each other. We play with **water balloons**.



Dussehra is known as **Vijaya Dashami**. It marks the victory of Lord Rama over evil Ravana. It tells that good always wins over bad (evil). The effigies of Ravana, Meghnad and Kumbhkarna are burnt on this day. It is an important festival of Hindus.





Id is celebrated after the month of Ramzan. It is the festival of Muslims. They keep fasting in the month of Ramzan. People wear new clothes. They go to **idgahs**, pray to Allah and exchange greetings.



Activity

Which special sweet is made on Id ?

Guruparva is the main festival of the **Sikhs**. They celebrate the birthdays of their Gurus on this day. They pray in the **gurdwaras**. They decorate their houses. Lungars are held in gurdwaras. Big processions are also held.



Christmas is celebrated on 25th December. It is the important festival of Christians. It is celebrated as the birthday of Jesus Christ. On this day, people go to church to pray. They decorate Christmas tree in their houses. They exchange gifts with each other. Children wait for the Santa Claus, who brings gifts for them.



Activity

Write the colour of the dress of Santa Claus .

We also celebrate the **Republic Day** on January 26th, the **Independence Day** on August 15th and **Gandhi Jayanti** on October 2nd. These are our National Festivals. The whole nation celebrates these festivals with great joy and happiness. Festivals unite people.



□ THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. We celebrate many festivals.
2. Festivals bring joy and happiness in our life.
3. Diwali, Holi, Id, Guruparva, etc are our social festivals.
4. The Independence Day, the Republic Day and Gandhi Jayanti are our national festivals.
5. Festivals unite people.



EXERCISE

A. Write True or False:

1. Holi is the festival of lights. _____
2. Guruparva is the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. _____
3. Gandhi Jayanti falls on 25th December. _____
4. Christmas is the festival of Christians. _____
5. Diwali is the festival of lights. _____



B. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words :

1. Our country is the land of _____
2. We play with _____ on Diwali.
3. Dussehra is known as _____
4. Id is celebrated after the month of _____
5. Christmas is celebrated on _____ December.
6. The Republic Day, the Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanti are our _____ festivals.

C. Match the following :

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| 1. Holi | • | • Festival of lights |
| 2. Diwali | • | • Santa Claus |
| 3. Christmas | • | • Offer Namaz |
| 4. Id | • | • Festival of colours |
| 5. Guruparva | • | • Vijaya Dashami |
| 6. Dussehra | • | • Lungars |

D. Write the months and dates of these festivals that fall in this year :

Festival	Month	Date
1. The Republic Day	_____	_____
2. Christmas	_____	_____
3. Dussehra	_____	_____
4. Id	_____	_____
5. Gandhi Jayanti	_____	_____
6. Diwali	_____	_____
7. The Independence Day	_____	_____
8. Holi	_____	_____

E. Answer the following questions :

1. Which is the festival of lights ?

2. What do we splash on each other on Holi ?

3. Which is the main festival of Muslims ?

4. Who celebrate Guruparva ?

5. What do we decorate on Christmas ?

Project / Activity

F. Colour the pictures and write the names of the festivals :








