

Reception: Celebration music

Overview: Learning about the music from a range of cultural and religious celebrations, including Diwali, Hanukkah, Kwankzaa and Christmas.

Key Vocabulary				
Diwali	Hanukkah Music	Kwanzaa Music	Traditional Christmas Music	Christmas action songs
Diwali	Hanukkah	Kwanzaa	Christmas	Tradition
Celebration	Hora	Africa	Christian	Action songs
Music	Kinnor	African music	Sleigh bells	
Dance	Harp	Culture	Actions	
Traditional	Flute	Call	Voice sounds	
	Jewish	Response	Body percussion	
	Drum	Rhythm		
	Cymbals	Beat		
	Tambourine	Drum		
	Shofar	Instrument		



Musical Skills and Knowledge

Children learn about the festival of Diwali and respond to music through movement.

Children learn some of the dances and instruments from the festival of Hanukkah.

Learning about the festival of Kwanzaa, children take part in a traditional African call and response song and find classroom objects to use as drums. Children take part in a Christmas group song involving singing, creating vocal sounds and playing instruments and sing and move to a Christmas song.

Children create and perform appropriate actions to represent Christmas song lyrics.



