

Year 4 Swifts

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Autumn 1

Culture and Religion

Key Vocabulary	Definition
<i>Bandi chhor divas</i>	Sikh celebration of freedom.
<i>belonging</i>	The feeling of being accepted and connected to a group or community.
<i>community</i>	A group of people who share common interests.
<i>culture</i>	The shares beliefs, values and traditions of a group of people.
<i>cultural identity</i>	A person's sense of belonging to a particular culture.
<i>Diwali</i>	Hindu celebration of Rama and Sita being guided home.
<i>festival</i>	A special event celebrated by a community or group of people (this can be religious; with aspects of worship or cultural; with aspects of tradition).
<i>lunar</i>	Of or relating to the moon. It comes from <i>Luna</i> , the Latin word for moon.
<i>Lunar New Year</i>	Chinese New Year, marking the start of the lunar calendar.
<i>religion</i>	The belief in and worship of a higher power, usually one or many gods.
<i>resonate</i>	Something that connects with your feelings or reminds you of your own experience.
<i>society</i>	A large group of people living together in an organized way, usually sharing the same laws, language, and culture.
<i>symbol</i>	A visual mark, object, or character that stands for or represents a larger idea, concept, or literal value.

Cultural Festival examples

New Year's Eve



Independence Day

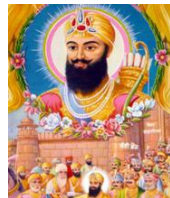


Music Events



Religious Festival examples

Bandi Chhor Divas



Christmas



Diwali



What is Culture?

Culture can be defined as a pattern of behaviour shared by a group of people or a society. Many different things make up a society's culture, such as food, language, clothing, religion, music, art, customs and beliefs. This usually links to a person's sense of belonging to a community. Culture can be understood through five key elements:

The Five F's of Culture

1. **Food** – What people eat
2. **Fashion** – How people dress
3. **Festivals** – Celebrations and traditions
4. **Flags** – Symbols representing groups or nations
5. **Famous Faces** – Recognisable figures from different cultures for example, the Royal Family are part of our culture here in Britain.

What is Religion?

A religion is a set of beliefs and practices that help people find meaning in life, understand the world, and feel connected to something bigger than themselves. It often involves worshipping a higher power or God and following rules to live a kind, good life. While there are thousands of religions in the world, they usually share these common things:

Holy Books: Written works, like the Bible or the Quran, that tell stories and give rules for daily living.

Places of Worship: Special buildings, such as churches, temples, or mosques, where people gather to pray and learn.

Traditions & Rituals: Regular patterns of action, such as meditating, singing, or celebrating special holidays throughout the year.

Moral Guidelines: Rules that teach people how to treat others well, like being honest and helpful.

The five largest religions:

The five largest religions by population account for over three-quarters of the world's population.

Christianity: 2.4 - 2.5 billion followers

Islam: 1.8 - 1.9 billion followers

Hinduism: 1.1 - 1.2 billion followers

Buddhism: 500 - 530 million followers

Judaism: 14.8 million followers