

Learning about Eid at nursery

Eid al-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr is the first day of the Islamic month of Shawwal, which marks the end of the month-long fast of Ramadan.

Eid al-Fitr is an important Islamic holiday for Muslim communities across the United Kingdom. Many Muslims across the UK will take part in early morning prayer, dress in their finest clothes and adorn their homes with lights and other decorations.

Eid al-Adha

Eid al-Adha, also known as the 'Greater Eid' or the 'Festival of Sacrifice', is a public holiday in Muslim countries. This important Muslim festival commemorates Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son Ishmael. It marks the end of the Hajj pilgrimage.



Teaching children about Eid

Promoting British Values is now an important part of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and you need to be able to demonstrate that teaching children these values is at the heart of your setting and demonstrated through all its practices.

By teaching children these British values from a young age it builds a firm foundation for them to grow into well-rounded adults and help to develop an accepting, tolerant society.

Develop children's tolerance and appreciation of, and respect for, their own and other cultures by:

- Providing home corner resources such as dolls, small world figures and dressing up clothes that allow children to experiment and celebrate gender, diversity and represent a wide range of cultures
- Providing a wide range of books including some homemade books and displays that promote diversity
- Working closely with parents to let them know their children will be learning about British values as part of the curriculum. Provide guidance and information as to the type of things you will cover with the children
- Inviting parents from different cultures into the setting to talk with children about their different traditions and support with traditional activities
- Encouraging children to share their culture traditions too!