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Most ancient festivals and feasts were associated with planting and harvest times or with honouring the dead. Look up the word **FESTIVAL** in the dictionary and write out its definition:

Find out how and why the following festivals came to be celebrated on their dates.

St. Valentine's Day



St. Patrick's Day



Mother's Day

April Fool's Day



12 JUL

The twelfth of July

New Year's Day





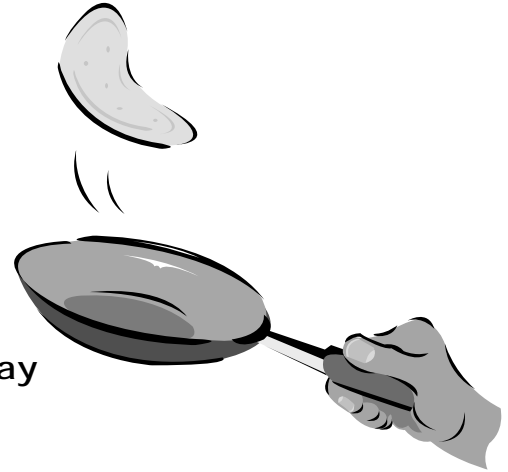
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Research and information finding using ICT accessing Encarta CD Rom

Topic: Shrove Tuesday

- Log On
- Click on **Start** > click on **Programmes**
> click on **Network Software**
> Open **Encarta**
- Type in under **Find** the words: **Shrove Tuesday**
- Click on **Shrove Tuesday**



Read the text and find the following information:

1. In the Christian calendar which day follows Shrove Tuesday? _____
2. What is the German term for 'Eve of the feast?' _____
3. In Britain what did people eat on 'Collop Monday?' _____
4. What sign was given for villagers to stop work? _____

5. Name two other energetic sports that are listed when celebrating Shrove Tuesday? _____

- Click on **Tuesday**



Read the text and find the following information:

1. Who is Tuesday named after? _____
2. In the Talmud why is Tuesday listed as a lucky day? _____
3. Tuesday in German is 'Dienstag'. What does this mean? _____





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- Click on Carnival

Read the text and find the following information:

1. Who was forbidden to eat meat during the 40 days of Lent? _____
2. On what date does the carnival season begin in Austria? _____

- Click on Mardi Gras



Read the text and find the following information:

1. List two events that you would see at Mardi Gras?

- Now click on Media : Look at Picture 1

1. What type of plant is 'King of the Mardi Gras' named after? _____
2. In which American state is New Orleans to be found? _____

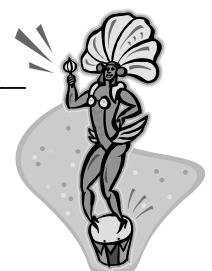
- Click on Mardi Gras Music 2

1. What is the name of the group who perform 'Meet De Boys On The Battlefront?'

2. What is the leader of the group called? _____

- Look at Picture 3

1. What type of dance is the carnival in Rio de Janeiro famous for? _____
2. Which instrument is being played? _____
3. How long does the carnival last for? _____





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FACT Lights are really important in Divali! "Diva" means "lights" and "wali" means in a row - so the Divali means "a row of lights!"



How do these lights make you feel? Close your eyes and try to picture each one before you write your answer.

Lights like this...	Make me feel...
Christmas tree lights lit for the first time.	
Candles on your birthday cake.	
When you switch on the light as you enter a dark room.	
The glow from a house window on a really dark night.	
A torch shining under the quilt in your bed.	
The first candle lit in a power cut.	

Puzzle spot...

One of these words has nothing to do with light!

Which is the odd one out?

Lantern Christingle illumination lampoon sun glow-worm

Look them up if you don't know!





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Detective work! Hunt out the answers in books or on the computer.

What can you find out about the following Hindu gods and goddesses?

Lakshmi

Ganesh

Durga

Krishna

Shiva

WHAT'S THE HIDDEN WORD?

CLUES

1 Divali is a _____ festival.
of _____.

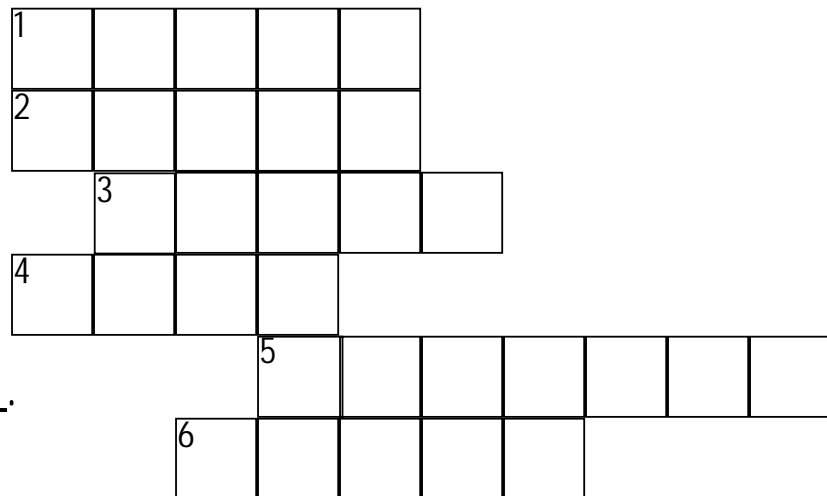
3 The special small clay lamp used is called a _____.

4 The Hindu name for prayers and offerings to the gods is _____.

5 The goddess of wealth is _____.

6 Divali is also called the festival of _____.

2 It's celebrated most in the country





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Listen well - and we'll give you the answers!



1 Ridwaan's mum was born in which country?

A) Northern Ireland	B) Palestine	C) Syria
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2 His family are Muslims - that means their religion is...

A) Christianity	B) Islam	C) Hinduism
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3 The month they fast for is called...

A) September	B) Pakistan	C) Ramadan
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4 Muslims have another name for God. Is it...

A) Allah	B) Rama	C) Jesus
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5 Muslims worship in a ...

A) church	B) temple	C) mosque
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6 The five pillars of Islam are: believing in God; making a pilgrimage; a month of fasting; giving to the poor; and...

A) eating pork	B) praying 5 times a day	C) speaking Arabic
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7 If a Muslim can't fast, they must...

A) give money to charity	B) read the Koran	C) wear new clothes
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8 Ridwaan thinks it's easier to fast...

A) in the summer	B) in the winter	C) at school
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9 A Muslim's holy book is called the...

A) Bible	B) Scroll	C) Koran
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10 At the end of the fast, there is...

A) a feast called Eid	B) a fireworks display	C) an award ceremony
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So how many did you get right?





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FACT: Muslims pray five times a day every day, and often more during Ramadan.

FACT: They also fast from dawn to dusk for the whole month of Ramadan.



This takes a lot of determination and being really strict with yourself!

Is this a good thing to do? Write your reasons below.

It's good to be really strict with yourself because:	It's not good to be really strict with yourself because:
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NOW decide whether it's mainly good or mainly not good and get ready to debate!

I believe it is _____ to be very strict with yourself.
signed: _____









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In the story of the Emperor and the animals, there were 12 creatures. What do you think the qualities of these ones might be?

Creature	Qualities
Monkey 	
Horse 	
Dragon 	
Snake 	
Tiger 	

Find your creature year

Detective work!

1990	Horse
1991	Goat
1992	Monkey
1993	Rooster
1994	Dog
1995	Pig
1996	Rat
1997	Ox
1998	Tiger

I was born in the year of the _____.



Now find out what Chinese people think the qualities of your creature are!

How similar is your personality to that of your creature?








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See if you can find the symbols used for other world religions - if you can't find one, then design it yourself!

				
Christianity	Hinduism	Islam	Buddhist	Judaism

Now make a chart showing lots of different festivals.
If they're part of a religion, draw the correct symbol!

Make a list of festivals	What month is it usually in?	Who celebrates it?	Symbol
• St Valentine's Day	• February	• Everyone	
• Easter	• March/April	• Christians	
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Now make a chart showing all the dates in *chronological* order.

