

## Year 7 -The Island: KO



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### **Why do we need laws in society?**

Laws are there to keep people safe, for example, we have laws to stop people from drink driving or taking drugs that may cause them harm. Laws are also there to stop people from hurting other people, either by physically harming them (assault/murder etc.) or by upsetting them (stealing from them etc.). Laws help to prevent disorder and chaos on the streets, and encourage people to respect their environment and surroundings. Laws are there so that everyone knows what is expected of them and they make society a better and safer place.

### **Why do people celebrate festivals?**

Festivals usually celebrate something important that happened in the past – for example, a special event within a religion. Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, and Easter his death and resurrection. These are both very important events within the history of Christianity.

It is often traditional to remember a special event or person with a ceremony or celebration that involves the whole community and brings everyone together. Festivals are an opportunity for people to celebrate the beliefs and the history that they share and to teach younger people about the events of the past.

### **How do people celebrate festivals?**

Festivals are celebrated in different ways across the world, but often they will involve a special meal and gathering, decorations and symbols that recall the way the festival began, retelling or acting out the story of the festival, gifts/cards, dressing up etc.

### **How do people remember the past?**

**Books** – people often remember the past by recording events in books. The story may first be passed down by word of mouth, and could even change over the years. Eventually the story or events may be recorded in a special book that can be passed on to future people so they can learn about the past. For religions, these are called holy books or sacred texts – examples are The Bible, the Qur'an and the Torah. These books are treated with great respect because they also contain important messages about how people should live their lives today. Many people think holy books are very important because they have been around for hundreds of years, so we should pay attention to what they say and learn from them. Other people think they are old and no longer important because the world has changed and moved on since they were written.

**Pilgrimage** – People may remember the past by visiting special places that help them to understand events that happened a long time ago. This is sometimes called a pilgrimage. For example, Christians may visit Israel, to see many of the sites connected to the life of Jesus and the places that are mentioned in the Bible.

**Special buildings** – Sometimes buildings are created to remind people of events that have happened in the past and help them learn about them. A museum is an example of this. For religious people, the buildings that they use to worship in today will have many connections to the past and symbols to remind them of things that happened. A Church with its crosses and stained glass windows is a good example of this.

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