

Key Questions when Planning a Multicultural Week

• Why are we doing this?	
• How will we ensure that all staff honor the same aims and underlying principles?	
• How can we include activities from all curriculum areas?	
• Who are the role models from this culture?	
• Which stories and poems from the culture will be told and which will be read?	
• What skills will be learned in the cooking we do?	
• What art work can we look at and do? What skills will be learned in the decorations we make?	
• What music can we listen to and make?	
• What skills will be learned in the dances we do?	
• What maths and scientific activities from the culture can we do?	
• Which special visitors will be invited to attend? How will we explore diversity within this culture?	
• Where could we visit in preparation?	
• What cultural understanding do we need before staff and pupils try on special clothes or do any role play?	
• Is there any special equipment to practice using e.g. chopsticks?	
• What special greetings will we learn?	
• When will we discuss cultural and religious values?	
• How will we ensure progression?	
• What displays will we put up?	
• If someone from the culture was observing us, how would they feel about what we do?	
• How will it link in with our goal to honor diversity among all people?	
• How will we present cultural, religious, ethnic and linguistic diversity as normal?	
• How will we celebrate the cultures of the whole school community, including white?	
• How will we avoid tokenism and exoticism?	
• How will we challenge stereotypes and build in opportunities to consider anti-racism?	
• Are all staff aware of how to respond to any prejudice and racism which may be expressed by pupils or parents?	
• How will the work be embedded in the curriculum? How will we follow up after the event - both in the short and the long term?	
• How will we evaluate how successful it has been for pupils, parents and staff?	
• How will we share the results of our work with parents and the community?	
• What do we want children and parents to remember most about this culture?	

