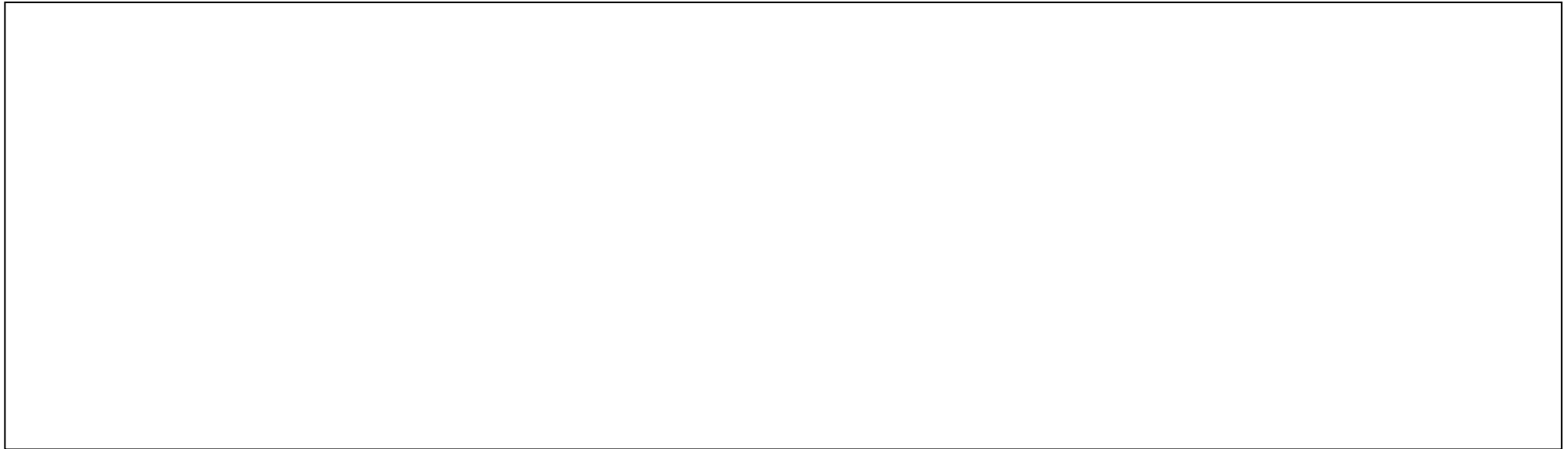


“History ~ Celebrations”

Our focus for the Western Australian HaSS Curriculum Guidelines during the term has been on the children and their family, which leads beautifully into how families commemorate events that are important to them and how the past can be communicated from generation to generation.

There are many special celebrations that families enjoy together, and we'd like to focus our learning around a celebration that is significant to your child. These past months have seen many of our family traditions and celebrations change in so many unexpected ways. We'd like you to discuss celebrations with your child; at this age they love Christmas, their birthday, Easter and other significant family events, so perhaps they will choose one of these celebrations! Support your child to share their memory about a special celebration, often a photo prompt helps to support their memory and recount. We would use historical terms to distinguish between the past, present and future in our discussions. Your child can draw pictures about the celebration in a series of 2 to 4 rectangles (you can break up the larger rectangle according to your child's development), we would encourage them to think carefully about where they drew their pictures to show a sequence of the celebration. Perhaps your child's discussion leads to have just 2 rectangles where they can compare a celebration that has occurred in the past and then this year during our social isolation restrictions. You can annotate what they have drawn and finally they can talk about their celebration and explain why it is important to them. We often role model our own celebrations and explain why they're important to us. When we all meet again, we will share our special celebrations activity, discuss what they have in common and how they are different. At school this little project would happen over a number of sessions, children will flow in and out of different groups and discussions, come back to view photos and celebrations of different cultures, and finally sit to share their experiences with an adult. Enjoy the sharing!



My celebration

Why my celebration is important to me