

Harvest Festival



What is a Harvest Festival?

A harvest festival is a celebration of the food that is grown on the land. It is when we say thankyou for our food and it happens in many countries around the world.



How is Harvest celebrated?

In Britain, harvest festivals are often celebrated in churches by bringing baskets of food to give thanks to God. People enjoy singing, praying, listening to stories and decorating the church.

In Britain, it is mainly a Christian festival but Harvest is celebrated across the world within many cultures.



The history of Harvest?

In the past, it was not as easy to find food in the winter. It was important that farmers brought the harvest in before the cold winter came so that there was enough food until the spring.



Now, we import food from all around the world.



Fruits and vegetables are available for us to buy at all times of the year.



Harvests all around the world allow us to enjoy different foods at any time of year.

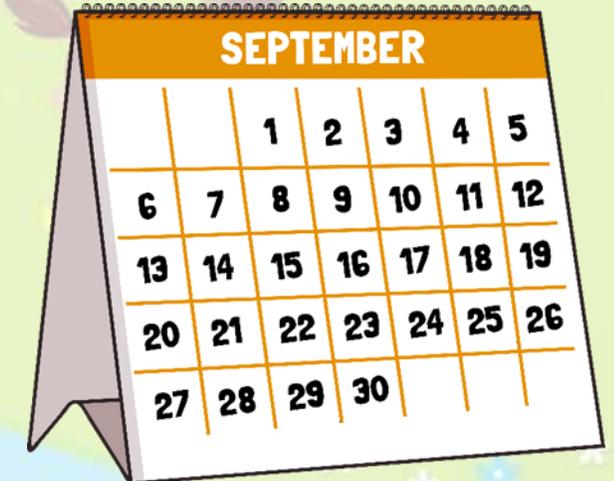


When is Harvest Festival?

In Britain, harvest festivals are traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the harvest moon.

This is the full moon that happens closest to the autumn equinox (around the 23rd September).

This is usually in September, although in some years it is October.



How Do We Harvest Our Food?

Before we can harvest our food, we need it to grow.



The seeds are planted and the food begins to grow.



The plants grow bigger and if they have fruit, it starts to ripen.



When the plants are ready to be harvested, the farmer collects the grains, fruit and vegetables, ready for us to eat.

Modern Machinery

Farmers use machinery to harvest some of their crops. The machines are very big and able to harvest grain, fruits or vegetables much quicker than by hand.



This farmer is using a combine harvester to harvest his wheat.



This machine is used to carefully harvest grapes.

Hand Picked

Even today, some fruits and vegetables are too delicate to be harvested by a machine. They need to be carefully picked and stored so that they don't get squashed and damaged.



Strawberries

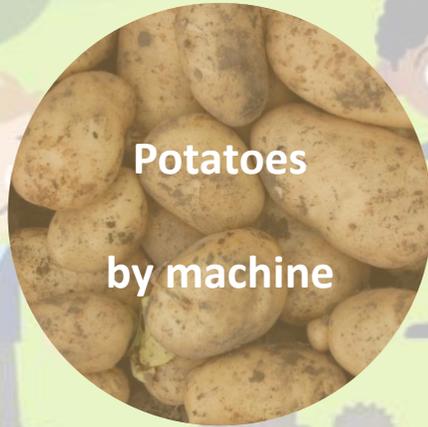


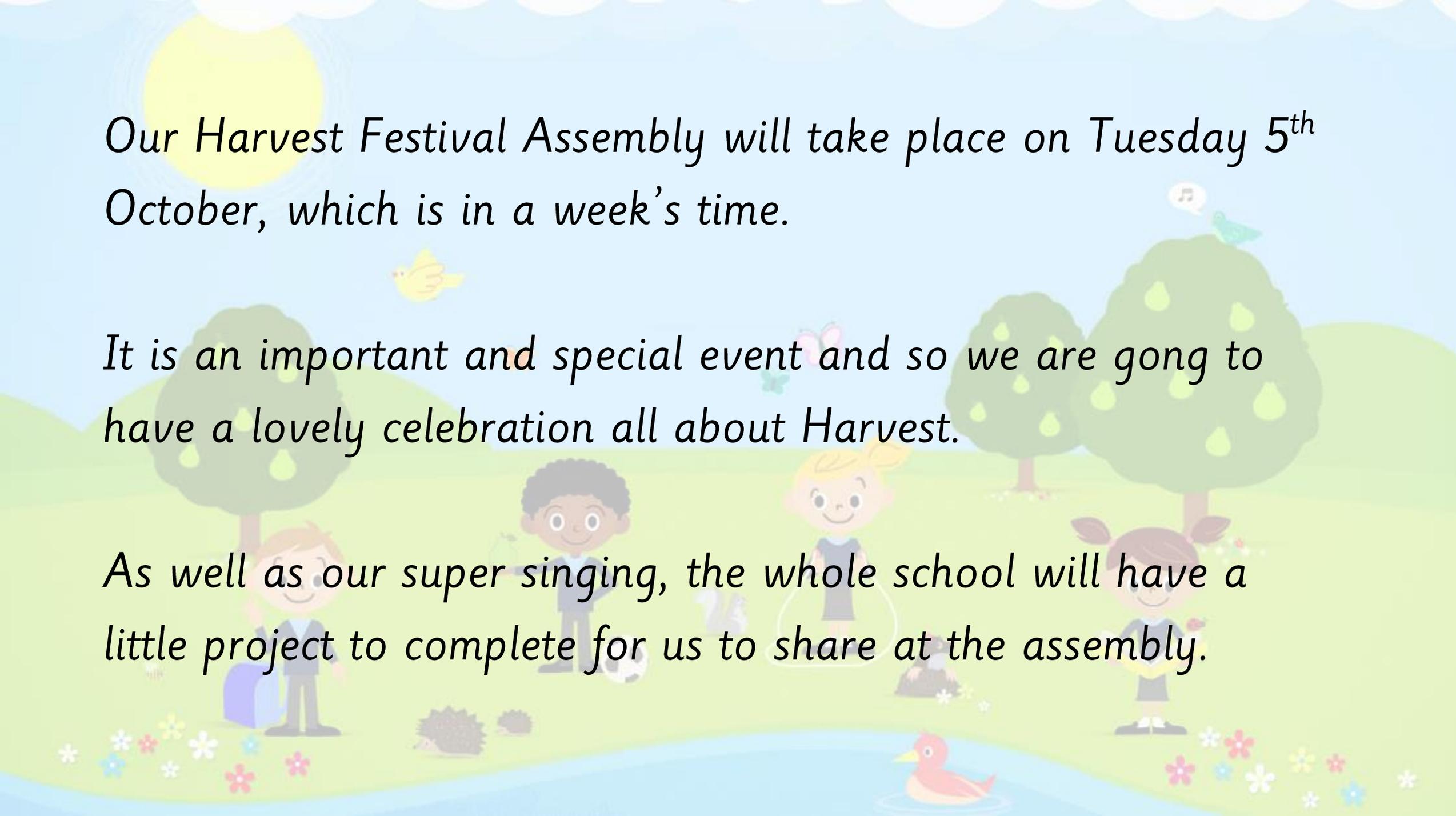
Blueberries



Vanilla

How Will These Foods Be Harvested?





Our Harvest Festival Assembly will take place on Tuesday 5th October, which is in a week's time.

It is an important and special event and so we are going to have a lovely celebration all about Harvest.

As well as our super singing, the whole school will have a little project to complete for us to share at the assembly.

Each year group will choose a country to explore. They will learn about how that country/culture celebrate harvest and then present their learning.

This can be anything you find interesting: you can cook, complete some artwork, create something in D&T. It is up to you and your teacher to decide.



We will also be collecting some food for charity. We will be asking you to bring in something to give to someone less fortunate than us. This could be some tinned food, some pasta/rice or some nice goodies like jam. We would really like it to be food that will last and not fresh food as this can perish quickly.





*This is our school,
Let peace dwell here,
Let the rooms be full of contentment.*

Let love abide here,

Love of one another,

Love of mankind,

Love of life itself.

Let us remember

That as many hands build a house,

So many hearts make a school

Help us to learn, play and share together.

We hope our school will be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,

A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued.

