

# Our Holi

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## Suggested Teaching and Learning

**Text Type:** Non-Fiction

**Genre:** Recount

**Suggested Reading Recovery Level:** 3

**Word Count:** 75

### ACARA F-1 References

**Learning Areas:** English; Humanities and Social Sciences

**General Capabilities:** Literacy; Intercultural Understanding

**Cross Curriculum Priorities:** Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia

### Understanding Texts

- Build background knowledge with a rich book introduction. Ensure students know Holi is a time to say thank you and to be grateful; that people have a lot of fun throwing colourful paint at their friends and family and that families will have big meals or feasts. \*UnT4, UnT5
- Use the illustrations and text to brainstorm a list of feeling words that are expressed in the text such as excited, happy, thankful, bubbly etc. \*UnT4, UnT5
- Discuss saying thank you and the concept of being grateful. Discuss things students may be grateful for such as family and friends. \*UnT4

**Vocabulary:** bonfire, paint

**High Frequency Words:** and, at, good, is, it, look, my, the, we, will

### Phonic Knowledge and Word Recognition + Phonological Awareness

- Locate the words food and good. Notice the different sound the vowel digraph makes. Record each word as a header and list other words that follow the same pattern and sound such as food - mood and brood, good - hood - stood and wood. \*PhA2, PKW6
- Locate the word throwing. Notice the ing ending. Find other verbs in the text and add ing such as say/saying, paint/painting and eat/eating. \*PKW5

\*National Literacy Learning Progressions



# Our Holi

A young boy is the central focus, his face and hair completely covered in a vibrant mix of Holi colors including red, blue, green, and yellow. His eyes are closed in a peaceful expression, and a slight smile is visible on his lips. The background is a soft, out-of-focus mix of yellow and green, with numerous small, colorful specks of powder floating in the air around him. A large, semi-transparent watermark for 'twinkl.com' is overlaid on the lower half of the image, centered over the boy's chest.

The Hindu Festival of Colours

It is Holi.

Holi is a time we say  
thank you.

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This is a **bonfire**.

We will make a bonfire  
at Holi.

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We will sing  
and we will dance  
at Holi.

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Look at the **paint**.

The paint is red and blue  
and pink.

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**Our Holi** is an informational text that describes the religious holiday celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and some Jains. Also known as the Festival of Colours, Holi is a time to welcome in spring and have gratitude for all the blessings in life.

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