

Festival: Harvest ~ What is it?	Year Group: Foundation	No. of lessons: 2
<p>Links: Cambs. CNW1; CFF2; CWR2; CPL2, Pborough: CNW1, CRC1, CWR2, CPL2, Nfolk: CBB, CP, CWR, Q.C.A. RA What are harvest festivals?</p>		
<p>Learning objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To find out about the gathering and storing of food by farmers and growers ◆ To hear about the Christian belief that God created the world ◆ To hear that God wants everyone to care for the world ◆ To experience some part of a harvest festival for themselves 		
<p>Questions for reflection: What food do I enjoy? What special times do I celebrate? Why should I care for the world?</p>		
<p>Activities and experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Use Handa's Surprise (Brown E. ~ Handa's Surprise Walker 07445-5706-2), or similar book, as a stimulus for discussion about food and sharing. Have a selection of food in the classroom, including some of the food from your chosen book and items that may be unfamiliar to the children. ◆ Make fruit kebabs or fruit salad and share a meal together. Allow the children to do as much cutting up as possible and let them arrange their own fruit. <i>This would be a good session to photograph so that you can talk about it afterwards</i> ◆ Learn about the lifecycle of plants using a big book (Pollock S. ~ Look at Plants pub. BBC ISBN 0-563-464-05-4) and link this to a nature walk on which you can identify some of the plants in the book. Use a bible verse to explain to the children the Christian belief that God created the world and wants people to care for it too. <p style="text-align: center;">Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. Genesis 1:29</p> ◆ Cut letter shapes for 'harvest festival' out of kapok and plant cress seeds on them. Talk about how the seeds will grow and the conditions that they will need. What part must I play in looking after my seeds if they are to survive? The children can take their cress letters to the festival and make the words as part of the display. (N.B. Make some spares!) 		

