

# SORT THE YEAR



GET LEARNING



20 MINUTES



PREPARATION  
NEEDED

## AIM

A new year brings with it a new calendar full of important dates and celebrations. Help sort out the year and learn about some of these celebrations, from Pancake Day to Christmas, Bonfire Night to April Fool's Day. Can you get them all in the right order?

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Sort the Year Activity Sheet



# GET LEARNING: SORT THE YEAR

THEME: ME AND MY WORLD



## LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need to print out a copy of the 'Sort the Year' activity sheet and cut up the cards. This activity works best in small teams, so ensure you have a copy for each team.



[Download Sort the Year Activity Sheet](#)



## GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 Split into small teams (roughly 5-6 per team). Give each team a copy of the 'Sort the Year' activity cards. These cards should be cut up beforehand. Some of the cards have important days of the year (Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, April Fools Day etc) and others have dates on (11<sup>th</sup> November, 25<sup>th</sup> December, 1<sup>st</sup> April etc).
- 2 Children are tasked with trying to match the important days with the dates.
- 3 Give the teams a few minutes to try and match as many as they can. For those they aren't sure of, encourage the children to guess. Teams can also try to line up the pairs in order of when they happen throughout the year (i.e. Creating a line with New Year's Day at one end and Boxing Day at the other end).
- 4 After a short while, see how many days and dates the teams have got correct. Which team achieved the most correct matches?
- 5 Go through all the answers, so children can learn the correct dates for any they may have got wrong. As you go through the answers, spend a moment on each important day and have a little chat about what we celebrate / mark on that day and why. Try to let the children lead this discussion, based on their knowledge of each celebration.

Do the group have a favourite day of the year they look forward to? Are there any other celebrations not mentioned that also happen throughout the year?



## IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Take part in a 'Get Creative' activity with children making / decorating a calendar that they can take home and hang up, helping them to remember all the important dates throughout the year.

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**ST DAVID'S  
DAY**

**FATHER'S  
DAY**

**THE SHORTEST  
DAY**

(WINTER SOLSTICE)

**THE LONGEST  
DAY**

(SUMMER SOLSTICE)

**APRIL FOOLS  
DAY**

**CHINESE NEW  
YEAR**

**NEW YEAR'S  
DAY**

**VALENTINE'S  
DAY**

**ST GEORGE'S  
DAY**

**REMEMBRANCE  
DAY**

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**PANCAKE  
DAY**

**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

**THE QUEEN'S  
OFFICIAL  
BIRTHDAY**

**ST PATRICK'S  
DAY**

**BONFIRE  
NIGHT**

**BOXING  
DAY**

**EASTER**

**CHRISTMAS  
DAY**

**ST ANDREW'S  
DAY**

**MOTHER'S DAY**

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<b>1<sup>st</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN JUNE</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> JUNE</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>SOMETIME BETWEEN 21<sup>ST</sup> JAN &amp; 20<sup>TH</sup> FEB</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER</b>



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<b>THE DAY BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THE DAY AFTER PANCAKE DAY</b>
<b>THE SECOND SATURDAY IN JUNE</b>	<b>17th MARCH</b>
<b>5th NOVEMBER</b>	<b>26th DECEMBER</b>
<b>LATE MARCH / EARLY APRIL</b>	<b>25th DECEMBER</b>
<b>30th NOVEMBER</b>	<b>THREE WEEKS BEFORE EASTER SUNDAY</b>

# SORT THE YEAR - ANSWERS

## ANSWERS

1 <sup>st</sup> January	New Year's Day
21 <sup>st</sup> January - 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Chinese New Year
14 <sup>th</sup> February	St Valentine's Day
Mid-Late February (Day before Ash Wednesday)	Pancake Day
Mid-Late February (Day After Pancake Day)	Ash Wednesday
1 <sup>st</sup> March	St David's Day
17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day
Three Weeks Before Easter (Mid-Late March)	Mother's Day
Late March / Early April	Easter
1 <sup>st</sup> April	April Fools Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Day
The Second Saturday in June	The Queen's Official Birthday
The Third Sunday in June	Father's Day
21 <sup>st</sup> June	The Longest Day (Summer Solstice)
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire Night
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
30 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrew's Day
21 <sup>st</sup> December	The Shortest Day (Winter Solstice)
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day
26 <sup>th</sup> December	Boxing Day