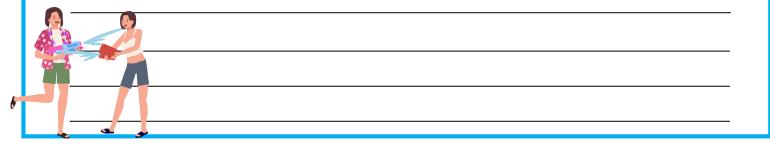
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A Season for Celebration

1. What is the significance of Eostre in relation to the timing and name of Easter?

2. What are some unique Easter traditions mentioned from around the world and what do they represent??



3. How important do you think it is for holiday celebrations like Easter to maintain their historical or religious origins? Can the inclusion of modern traditions, like eating chocolate, be justified even if they don't have a direct link to the holiday's original significance?



3. This article appeared on a parenting website:

With statistics in Australia's Oral Health Tracker showing that just under 35% of children aged 5-6 years have experienced decay in their primary teeth and just over 23 percent of children aged 6-14 years have had tooth decay in their permanent teeth, the Australian Dental Association is urging parents to come up with some healthier alternatives to chocolate eggs and sugary treats.

They suggest having some small toys and inedible treats on hand to give out over the long weekend, so the kids don't feel they've missed out. A skipping rope, frisbee or bat and ball set will encourage movement.

What do you think about the suggestions that the article gives? Do you think that it is important for Easter to become a healthier holiday? What are some ways that this could be achieved without reducing our enjoyment?

4. In the podcast, Bryce and Christie mentioned that other animals, such as the cuckoo bird, fox and stork, deliver Easter eggs around the world. In Australia, we have the Easter Bilby because rabbits are considered a pest in many parts of the country (sorry, Easter Bunny!). Create your own character, it can be an animal or totally made up, to deliver Easter treats. Annotate your drawing to show how it is suited to the task.