

RE

Hinduism - Diwali

Year 2

Autumn 1

Key Knowledge

Learning about religion

That Hinduism originated in India more than 4,000 years ago. Hindus can pray at home or in their temple called a Mandir.

One of the main beliefs of Hinduism is that there is only one God, Brahman, but he takes many forms.

During the festival of Diwali, Hindus retell the story of Rama and Sita which is about the triumph of good over evil.

Diwali is celebrated in various ways including wearing new clothes, setting off fireworks, leaving out Diya lamps, visiting family and exchanging gifts.

Learning from religion

From the story, we can learn to be kind and helpful people.

That we can do things in our lives that give us the same sense of community and belonging.

Key images



Possible experiences

Re-enact the Rama and Sita story

Make rangoli patterns using chalk, sand or rice

Make clay Diya/Diya lamps

Invite parents in to discuss their traditions and experiences of Divali/Diwali

Make Mehndi patterns

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- explore how, in the stories told at Diwali, provide Hindus with role models and values to live by.
- explore how, in celebrating Diwali, Hindus learn about God's power, love and forgiveness
- explore how symbols associated with Diwali, communicates beliefs about God's love and power

Prior learning

- In Year 1, children will have been given a brief overview of the Hindu religion and will have learnt about the life of Krishna. They also learnt about the festival of Holi.

Key vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
Festival	A gathering of people to celebrate something.
Diwali/Divali	Diwali means "rows of lighted lamps".
Mandir	The name for the Hindu place of worship.
Triumph	Winning over something.
Rangoli	Folk art used during Hindu festivals to bring good luck and welcome the Hindu Gods.
Diya/Diya lamps	Small oil lamps that are placed around the home and in gardens to remember how Rama and Sita were welcomed home.

Possible deeper thinking questions

What does evil really mean?

How would celebrate triumph over evil?

How do you feel when you celebrate something?