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Hinduism – Holi and Stories of Krishna

Year 2

Spring 2

## Key Knowledge

### Learning about religion

Krishna is very important God to Hindus. He is shown with golden jewellery, a feather in his hair, a tilak mark, and a halo or aura.

As a child, Krishna was very popular in his village but he also used to play tricks on people. After he played tricks, he apologised and the villagers forgave him.

Holi is one of the key festivals in the Hindu calendar.

It is a spring festival which celebrates one of the harvests in India. Holi comes at the end of the cold season when wheat and sugar cane are ripe. So it is a time of new life and hope. Holi also celebrates Krishna and the triumph of good over evil. On the first night of Holi, people light bonfires and throw roasting grains, popcorn, coconut and chickpeas onto them like the fire that saved Prahlad. The next day, people of all ages go into the streets to cover each other with paint and throw coloured water. The significance of the colours are believed to be from Krishna mischievously throwing coloured water over his milkmaids when he was a boy which then developed into the practical jokes and games of Holi.

### Learning from religion

Apologising and making a fresh start can help us make up for past mistakes

## Key images



## Possible experiences

Role playing how to apologise

Holi art projects

Creating a festival to reflect the idea of fresh starts

## Enfield SACRE Statutory requirements

- explore how, in celebrating Holi, Hindus learn about God's power, love and forgiveness,
- explore how, through festival celebrations, children learn about God and about belonging to the Hindu community
- explore how pictures and images of Krishna communicate religious belief
- explore how symbols associated with Holi (e.g. fire – purifying and destroying evil) communicates beliefs about God's love and power

## Prior learning

- In EYFS children will have had some experiences of different religions and festivals celebrated within the community. They might be able to identify some similarities and differences.
- They might have some awareness of terminology such as prayer, God etc

## Key vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
Hindu	A follower of Hinduism
Holi	Hindu festival that celebrates spring, love, and new life
Krishna	A major God in Hinduism
Forgiveness	to give up or let go of anger against someone or something
Harvest	to gather in a crop
Tilak	a coloured spot or mark worn by Hindus
Halo	a ring of light around or above the head of a holy person in a religious drawing or painting
Aura	a distinctive atmosphere surrounding something or someone

## Possible deeper thinking questions

Should we always forgive others?

Are practical jokes funny?

How can we show we are making a fresh start?