



Religious Education – World Religion – Hinduism

Key Question: Would celebrating Diwali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to Hindu child?

Our questions:



What? (Key Knowledge)

What is the key message in the Rama and Sita story? The theme of the story is Good vs Evil. This triumph of good over evil is celebrated in Hinduism because Hindus believe that they should try to bring as much good to the world as possible.

What is the Rama and Sita story about? The story tells of a famous warrior, Prince **Rama**, and his beautiful wife, **Sita**, who were banished from their home by the King. When Sita was kidnapped by Ravana, Prince Rama fought a mighty battle and the whole world rejoiced when Rama eventually killed the evil Ravana.



How is Diwali celebrated in the mandir? Bells and drums are played. Mountains of food are arranged in the mandir as a thanksgiving.

Hindus conduct puja using **puja tray**. The goddess **Lakshmi** is worshipped to bring prosperity.



What? (Key vocab)

Spelling

Diwali

Definition

Diwali means "rows of lighted lamps".

Puja

Hindu act of worship.

Mandir

The name for the Hindu place of worship.

Diya lamp

An oil lamp usually made from clay, with a cotton wick dipped in oil.

Ramayana

Hindu holy book that tells the story of Rama and Sita.

Key Questions

- Do our own celebrations help us feel a sense of belonging?
- What happens at home/temple during Diwali?
- How do Hindus feel when they are involved in these celebrations?

Links to other religions

Last year we learnt about how... Muslims believe they must be kind because everyone is a special creation of Allah (God). Giving to charity and helping others are considered good deeds and there should be no expectation of anything in return.

How is Diwali celebrated at home?

Hindus make rangoli patterns on the floor, rows of diya lamps are lit, they make sweets, use mehndi to make patterns on their hands, set off fireworks and play music. Puja is conducted at home.

