

R.E. – Knowledge Organiser

R.E. Focus

Hinduism: Divali

Year 3

Autumn 1

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 Divali celebrated in the mandir? Bells and drums are played. Mountains of food are arranged in the mandir as a thanksgiving. Hindus conduct puja using a **puja tray**. The goddess **Lakshmi** is worshipped to bring prosperity.



How is Divali celebrated at home? Hindus make **rangoli patterns** on the floor, rows of diva 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.

Possible experiences

- Outdoor Learning – Use chalks and natural materials to make rangoli patterns.
- Invite Hindu visitors in to share their experiences of Divali celebrations.
- Make mehndi patterns.

Attainment Targets

- I can tell you three important actions I could take to support a group I belong to.
- I can describe some of the ways Hindus celebrate Divali and start to explain how I think Hindu children might feel at Divali.
- I can start to say why Divali might bring a sense of belonging to Hindus.

Key Questions

- Would celebrating Divali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?
- What happens at home/temple during Divali?
- How do Hindus feel when they are involved in these celebrations?
- How does the celebration of Divali compare to Passover/your celebrations?
- What celebrations would help a non-religious person feel a sense of belonging?

What? (Key vocab)

Spelling

Definition

Divali

Divali means "rows of lighted lamps".

Puja

Hindu act of worship.

Mandir

The name for the Hindu place of worship.

Divya 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.