

RE Knowledge Organiser

Year Three – Diwali

Key Vocabulary

Lakshmi	Shiva	Vishnu	Brahma	Ganesha
Rangoli patterns	Rama	Sita	Hinduism	Ramayana

Sequence of Learning

Previously Children have learned about:

- Hinduism through the special places and special objects units. This is the first unit that focuses on Hinduism.

In future units the children will learn about:

- Hinduism within the Year Four unit Hindus Home and Mandir and the Year Five unit of stories of Hinduism.









Unit Sequence of Sequence of Learning

- To learn about the story of Rama and Sita.
- To learn about the diya and why it is important in the Diwali story.
- To learn about the preparations for Diwali.
- To focus on the use of Rangoli patterns.
- To find out about Lakshmi and how Hindus celebrate Diwali at home.

Key Questions

What is a rite of passage?	<i>A rite of passage is an important event in your life like getting married or graduated from school.</i>
What is Diwali also known as?	<i>The festival of lights.</i>
What is the message of the story of Rama and Sita?	<i>The story of Rama and Sita reminds Hindus that goodness will always conquer evil.</i>
What is a diya?	<i>A diya is made from clay and includes a wick inserted into oil. These are lit during Diwali celebrations.</i>
What do Hindus send to each other during Diwali?	<i>One of the things that Hindus send to one another could include special cards with personal messages in.</i>
What is a Rangoli pattern?	<i>Rangoli patterns is an art form that has been used across India for hundreds of years. They are usually made on the floor but can be made on walls as well.</i>
Who is Lakshmi?	<i>Lakshmi is the Hindu goddess of wealth and prosperity. She is worshipped at Diwali because it is the start of the new year.</i>
How do Hindus prepare for Diwali?	<i>Hindus prepare in a range of different ways. This includes cleaning the house, creating Rangoli patterns, lighting diyas around the house and sharing presents and sweets.</i>

The Story of Rama and Sita

							
Once there was a great warrior, Prince Rama, who had a wife called Sita	One day Rama and Sita were banished from their home by the king	The demon Ravana kidnapped Sita. She left behind her jewelry	Rama asked for help from Hanuman who found Sita on an island	Hanuman's army of monkeys built a bridge to get to the island	When the bridge was built the monkeys and all the other animals rushed across it	Rama killed the evil Ravana with a magic arrow and the whole world rejoiced	Rama and Sita were reunited and they began their long journey back to their land