



Year 3 Religious Education: Diwali



Would celebrating Diwali bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?

Key Vocabulary

Hindu	A member of the Hindu faith.
Diwali	The Hindu festival of light.
Rama and Sita	Characters in a Hindu story. Prince Rama was a great warrior who was married to Sita, a clever and beautiful princess.
Ganesha	Hindu god of knowledge and good beginnings.
Mandir	Hindu temple.
Lakshmi	Hindu goddess of wealth.
Rangoli	An art form in which patterns are created on the floor near entrances and doors using flower petals, coloured sand, dry flour or coloured rice.
Diva lamps	Small pots made out of clay, filled with oil and using a cotton wick
Puja	Hindu worship. Most Hindus have a small shrine in their homes where they worship daily.

Discovery RE



Key Skills

- Identify three important actions I could take to support a group I belong to, and discuss my understanding of my group's symbol.
- Describe some of the ways Hindus celebrate Diwali and start to explain how I think Hindu children might feel at Diwali.
- Explain why Diwali might bring a sense of belonging to Hindus.

Sticky Knowledge

- Diwali is the 'festival of lights' and is celebrated in late autumn.
- Hindus celebrate the triumph of light over darkness at Diwali with spectacular firework displays, presents and new clothes.
- The word Diwali means "Row of Lighted Lamps".

Diwali takes place every year and it lasts for 5 days.

The exact dates of Diwali depend on the position of the moon but it is usually celebrated during October and November.