

Year 3 Subject Knowledge Organiser: RE—Diwali

What? - Key Vocabulary

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| Hinduism | A major religious and cultural tradition originating from Asia |
| Diwali | The Hindu festival of light |
| Rama and Sita | A prince and princess celebrated in the famous Diwali story |
| Ravana | An evil god |
| Hanuman | The commander of the monkey army who help Rama and Sita |
| Diya lamp | Small lamps that are lit at Diwali |
| Rangoli | Meaning 'row of colours' - a special type of Diwali pattern |



Diwali is a festival celebrated by Hindus. It is the Hindu new year.

It is celebrated in October or November (it is not the same date each year).

It is also called the Festival of Light.

I know the story of Rama and Sita.

Diwali celebrates the triumph of good over evil.

I understand some of the symbolism in the Diwali story—light represents good, and dark represents evil.

Celebrations include lighting diya lamps, creating rangoli patterns, having fireworks and sending cards.

Hindus worship many different gods.

Lakshmi is the goddess of wealth and prosperity. She is worshipped at Diwali to bless the new year.