

Topic: RE: Learning about Religion	Year group	Term Spring
Hinduism - Beliefs and Practise	Year 4	6 sessions

Background knowledge

Children will explore some of the beliefs and practices of Hindus through studying worship in the Mandir and the celebration of Diwali. There is a focus upon how these beliefs are exemplified in this festival. The religious significance of what Diwali means to believers is highlighted, using pictures, drama, storytelling and model making. This unit builds on 'Introduction to Hinduism' and on work on celebrating festivals in other faiths. Children will explore Hindu beliefs and practices through studying the festival of Diwali

Children have:

- had opportunities to explore the significance of symbols in other religious traditions
- had opportunities to understand the links between religious stories and modern day beliefs and practices

Key idea: That festivals and celebrations are important events for expressing beliefs through worship for religious believers

What should I already know?

I know that Jesus lived a very long time ago.

I know that pictures of vary a great deal as there is no photos of him.

I can explain what pictures tell us about his character.

I know that pictures of Jesus tell about the artists opinion of him.

I can read stories in the Bible to tell me what Jesus was like.

I know what other people thought of Jesus from bible stories.

I can give my opinion of Jesus based on what I have learned.

R.E. Agreed Syllabus / Key Skills	The Journey
To reflect on what it means to belong to a faith community, communicating their own and others' responses.	1. Know about worship through the elements, rituals and artefacts that are involved in Hindu worship.
To respond to the challenges of commitment both in their own lives and within religious	2. To identify some of the customs and practices related to celebrating Diwali.

traditions, recognising how commitment to a religion is shown in a variety of ways. To reflect on sources of inspiration in their own and others' lives. I can describe what is involved in Hindu worship in a Mandir. I can talk about some customs relating to celebrating Diwali. I can retell the key events of the story of Rama and Sita. I can talk about practices associated with Diwali I know how the diva lamp relates to Diwali. I can describe some preparations for Diwali.	3. Know about the key events of the story of Rama and Sita and identify the meanings of the story. 4. Identify some practices associated with Diwali 5. Know about the symbolic significance of a Diva and how it relates to the Diwali story. 6. Know about the importance of preparation for Diwali.
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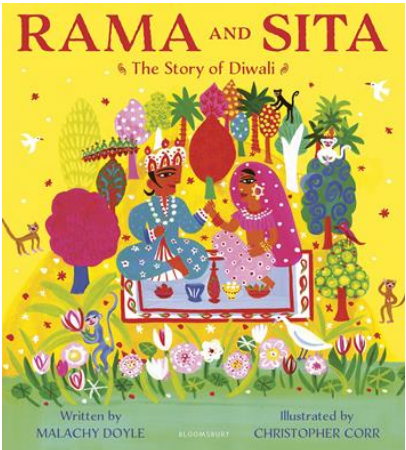
Outcomes

An overview of what children will know / can do

Working towards: Children know that Diwali originated from the story of Rama and Sita. They can give an account of some of the practices and religious beliefs associated with Diwali.

Expected: Children know why Diwali is important to Hindus. They know that some features of Hindu beliefs and practices are shown in this festival. Children can give an account of the story of Rama and Sita and explain the meaning of symbols associated with Diwali

Exceeding: Children understand that religious beliefs can be expressed in a variety of ways. They know why Diwali has a religious meaning for Hindus and can give a detailed account of practices associated with Diwali. They can give a detailed account of the story of Rama and Sita and can ask questions and suggest answers relating to Rama and Sita's experiences. Children can make links between religious symbols, language and stories, and the Hindu beliefs that underlie them.

Key Vocabulary	Timeline / Diagrams
Mandir - Hindu place of worship Diwali - Diwali means rows of lighted lamps. It is a festival of lights and every Indian celebrates it with joy. During this festival, people light up their houses and shops. They worship Lord Ganesha for good welfare and prosperity and Goddess Lakshmi for wealth and wisdom. Rangoli - Rangoli art from India, it is a folk art used during Hindu festivals to bring good luck and welcome the Hindu deities. ... The details in rangoli decorations can include lotus flowers, mango leaves, geometric shapes, or other elaborate designs made of rice flour, coloured sand, or even flower petals Diva lamps - are an oil lamp usually made from clay, with a cotton wick dipped in ghee or vegetable oils.	
Important people or places Mandir Rama Sita Ganesh Lakshmi India	

Assessment questions / outcomes
What are the key elements of Hindu worship and what do they mean? What are the significant meanings within the story of Rama and Sita? What are the most important customs and practices in the festival of Diwali and why these? What beliefs, practices and feelings expressed through Diwali are similar to festivals in other world faiths and to celebrations in my family?

