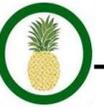




**RE: (Autumn 1) YEAR: 3 - Hinduism – Would Celebrating Diwali At Home And In The Community Bring A Feeling Of Belonging To A Hindu Child ?**



**Vocabulary**

1	Diwali	Diwali means 'rows of lighted lamps'
2	Puja	Hindu act of worship
3	Mandir	The name of the Hindu place of worship
4	Diya lamp	An oil lamp usually made from clay, with a cotton wick dipped in oil
5	Ramayana	Hindu holy book that tell the story of Rama and Sita

**What should I already know?**

Hindu's are people who believe in Hinduism.  
Hindus celebrate Diwali which is also known as the festival of light.

**Key Questions**

**Would Celebrating Diwali At Home And In The Community Bring A Feeling Of Belonging To A Hindu Child**

What happens at home/temple during Diwali ?  
How do Hindus feel when they are involved in these celebrations ?  
How does the celebration compare to Christmas/Easter/any celebrations you take part in ?  
What celebrations would help a non-religious person feel a sense of belonging ?

**Key Knowledge**

1 **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.

2 **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.

3 **How is Diwali 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.

4 **How is Diwali celebrated at home?** Hindus make rangoli patterns on the floor, rows of diya 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.



Lakshmi



Puja Tray



Rangoli Patterns



Mehndi Patterns



Diya Lamp