

Murdishaw West Community Primary School - Religious Education Knowledge Organiser



Topic: Hindu Dharma

Key Question: What might a Hindu learn from celebrating Diwali?

Autumn 1 Year 4

Hindus believe in one God called Brahman which is made up of 3 parts:

- Brahma, who creates the universe
- Vishnu, who preserves the universe
- Shiva, who destroys the universe

Vishnu protects the world from evil. When the world is threatened, he comes down in the form of an animal or human to fight the wickedness.

These forms of Vishnu are called avatars.

Traditionally, Vishnu has had 10 previous avatars.

Rama is one of Vishnu's avatars.



Vishnu

The story can be found in The Ramayana.

The story of Rama and Sita reminds Hindus that good always triumphs over evil.

During the festival of Diwali, this festival is shared and celebrated.

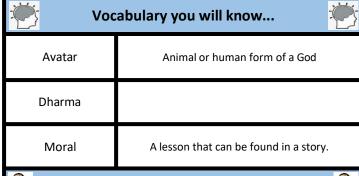
Rama and Sita

In the story, Rama, Sita and Hanuman represent goodness and light.

Ravana represents darkness and evil.

At the end of the story, an oil lamp is lit to symbolise goodness and celebrate the power of it.





Protector, preserver

Vocabulary you will hear...

Light is important within Diwali celebrations as a reminder that good always overcomes evil.

Diwali is also known as the Festival of Lights.



This year Diwali will be celebrated on Thursday 4th November 2021.

Diwali is a five day celebration which occurs in Autumn.

It is celebrated by millions of people across the world each year.

Small oil lamps called Diyas are used for decoration to remind people of the importance of light.



Diwali