

# Year 1 Terms 1 and 2 RE – Why are some times special?



Curriculum Key Question: How can I look after myself and others?

Topic: Journeys

To talk about things associated with birthdays & how they feel

To talk about why we have a reflection area and how to use it

To learn about harvest festivals and how some Christians might celebrate harvest

To learn about harvest and why we celebrate

To talk about what a moment of reflection is and where we can go to reflect.

To learn about how and why Hindus celebrate Diwali.

: To complete a storyboard for the story of Rama and Sita

To make an acrostic poem for Diwali.

To understand how Christians celebrate Christmas.

To retell the story of Jesus' birth.

## What should I already know?

- Able to talk about special times for their own family
- Understand that different families have different celebrations and ways of celebrating
- Why Christmas is a special time for Christians
- What Christians might do to celebrate Christmas

## Expected outcomes by the end of this topic:

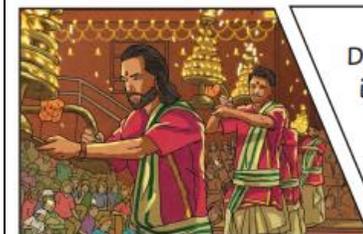
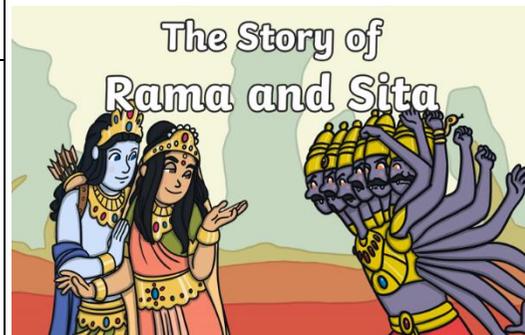
- Understand why some times are special
- Know why we have birthdays
- Able to reflect on why a festival might be important to a family
- Understand the term 'harvest'
- Know how Christians celebrate harvest
- Understand why Hindus celebrate Diwali



### What is Harvest Festival?

A harvest festival is a celebration of the food that is grown on the land. Celebrations giving thanks for our food, happen in many countries around the world.

In Britain, harvest festivals are often celebrated in churches by bringing baskets of food to give thanks to God. People enjoy singing, praying, listening to stories and decorating the church.



Diwali is the 'festival of lights' and is celebrated in late autumn. Diwali celebrates good's victory over evil with lots of lights around homes. Fireworks, presents and new clothes are used to celebrate.

## Key Vocabulary

- Celebrate** - to make special in some way
- Celebration** - a special enjoyable event that people organize because something good has happened or because it is someone's birthday or anniversary.
- Birthday** - the anniversary of the day on which a person was born
- Anniversary** - a date remembered or celebrated every year because of something special that happened
- Party** - a group of people coming together to celebrate or have fun.
- Reflect** - think seriously and carefully about
- Festival** - a time or event of celebration
- Harvest** - a celebration of the food grown on the land
- Christian** - a person who believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and who follow his teachings
- Prayer** - words spoken to God
- Hindu** - a person that belives in a spiritual power called Brahman
- Diwali** - the Hindu festival of light. It is celebrated by millions of people around the world