

Year 1 Term 1 RE – Why are some times special? How and why do Hindus celebrate Diwali?



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

Topic: Journeys

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

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
- Give an example of a festival or time that is special to them

What is Harvest Festival?

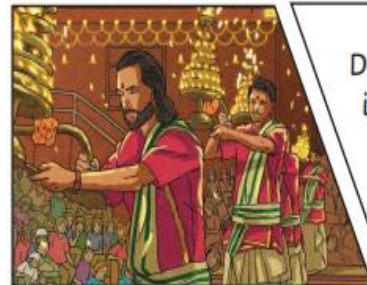
A harvest festival is a celebration of the food that is grown on the land.

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.



The Story of Rama and Sita



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. Fire-works, presents and new clothes are used to celebrate.

Key Vocabulary

Celebration - a special enjoyable event that people organize because something good has happened or because it is someone's birthday or anniversary

Anniversary - a date remembered or celebrated every year because of something special that happened

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

