



Year 1 - Autumn 2 - RE Knowledge Organiser



What I already know...

In EYFS we learnt that some places are special to members of our community.

We found out that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

What I will learn...

- Diwali is a special celebration for Hindu's and Sikhs.
- Diwali celebrates the victory of good over evil and light over dark. • At Diwali, Hindu's remember the story of Rama and Sita returning from exile after defeating the demon king Ravana • Rama and Sita's way home was lit by lamps •
- Hindu's use diva lamps, rangoli patterns, fireworks to celebrate Diwali.
- Christians believe that Jesus is the light of the world.
- Christians use candles and tree lights to celebrate Christmas.
- Christmas is a special time for Christians to rejoice over the birth of Jesus. Christians believe he was very special, not an ordinary baby but God on Earth.
- The story of Jesus' birth includes: • An angel visits Mary (The Mother of Jesus). • Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem. • Jesus is born in a stable and is placed in a manger. • Angels appear to nearby shepherds. • The shepherds visit baby Jesus in the stable.

Key Vocabulary

Diwali	The festival of light celebrated by Hindu's and Sikh's across the world.
celebrate	To take part in enjoyable activities for a particular occasion.
diva	A small oil lamp (usually made from clay)
exile	To be made to stay away from home
rangoli	Colourful patterns made on the floor. Diva lamps are placed on the pattern .
Christmas	The Christian festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus. Christmas Day is celebrated on 25th December
Advent	Is when Christians start to prepare for Christmas.
Bethlehem	The place of Jesus's birth.

Making a difference at home

- Visit the Golden Mile and see all the lights that have been put up to celebrate Diwali and see how they are changed to get ready for Christmas. How do they make you feel?
- Christmas is a time for giving and enjoying family. Think about what you could do for people who might not be as fortunate as you.. Perhaps make a food donation to your local food bank or use your art and craft skills to make pictures or cards and drop them off at your local residential home to brighten someone's day.

Making a difference at The Merton

Making cross-curricular links to our Science topic 'Celebrations' we will find out how light and darkness are important themes in a number of festivals, including Diwali and Christmas. We will perform a shadow puppet show of the story of Diwali, which symbolises the victory of good over evil, and light over darkness. We will also find out how Hindu's get ready for this festival as well as celebrate it. We will experience celebrating Diwali where we come to school dressed in our special occasion wear and experience creating rangoli patterns, making diva lamps and experiencing a puja ceremony with music, images of Hindu Gods and feast on special treats. We will then anticipate the arrival of Christmas, making wreaths and our own advent calendars and developing our understanding of the Christmas story which will coincide with our very own Nativity performance. We will handcraft a special gift to show our gratitude and love for our families and see how giving can make us feel happy too.