

Knowledge Organiser

Year 1 ♦ Religious Education ♦ Autumn 2: Festival of Light



Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Special	Something important to someone
Diwali	The Hindu festival of light
Light	The form of energy that makes it possible to see things
Hindu shrine	A special place for a Hindu
Church	The Christian place of worship
Diya Lamps	Hindus light Diya lamps during Diwali to remember the story of Rama and Sita
Star (in the Nativity)	Believed to have guided others to where Jesus was born
Stained glass windows	Colourful windows often found in churches

Light

Light is a common theme across many religions. It is an important symbol that is significant and universal to all.



The Universal Light



Essence of all religions

All religions have many similarities and it is important to remember that despite which religion people follow, **we have far more in common than which divides us.**

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Ignite ♦ Grow ♦ Inspire

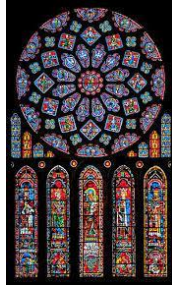


Christianity

Candles



Stained glass windows



Angel



Star



Light is important to Christians, as they believe **Jesus** to be the 'light of the world', bringing light and hope to people, even in times of darkness.

Hinduism

Fireworks



Hindu shrine



Diya lamps



Diwali is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs in October or November. It is the start of the Hindu new year and lasts for five days. The word 'Diwali' comes from a word that means 'lighted row of lamps'.

Within this festival of light Hindus will light **Diya lamps** and set off fireworks to remember the story of Rama and Sita.

Extending Your Learning

1. Walk around your local town, what examples of light can you spot?
2. What is Diwali?
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