



Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Diwali	A Hindu festival with lights, held in the period October to November.
Christingles	A lighted candle symbolizing Christ as the light of the world.
Advent	The word Advent comes from the Latin 'adventus,' which means 'coming' or 'arrival' to signify the birth of Jesus.
Diya	A small oil lamp.
Jesus	Christians believe he is the son of God.
Church services	The gathering together of Christians to worship God.
Wreath	An arrangement of flowers, leaves, or stems fastened in a ring.
Festival	Is a gathering of people to celebrate something.

Hinduism – Diwali

- The word Diwali means 'rows of lighted lamps'.
- It celebrates the victory of light over darkness.
- Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights' because houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called 'diyas'.



An example of a diya

The story of Diwali

- Diwali celebrates the day Lord Rama, his wife Sita and brother Lakshmana returned to their homeland after 14 years in exile.
- The villagers lit a path for Rama, who had defeated the demon king Ravana.



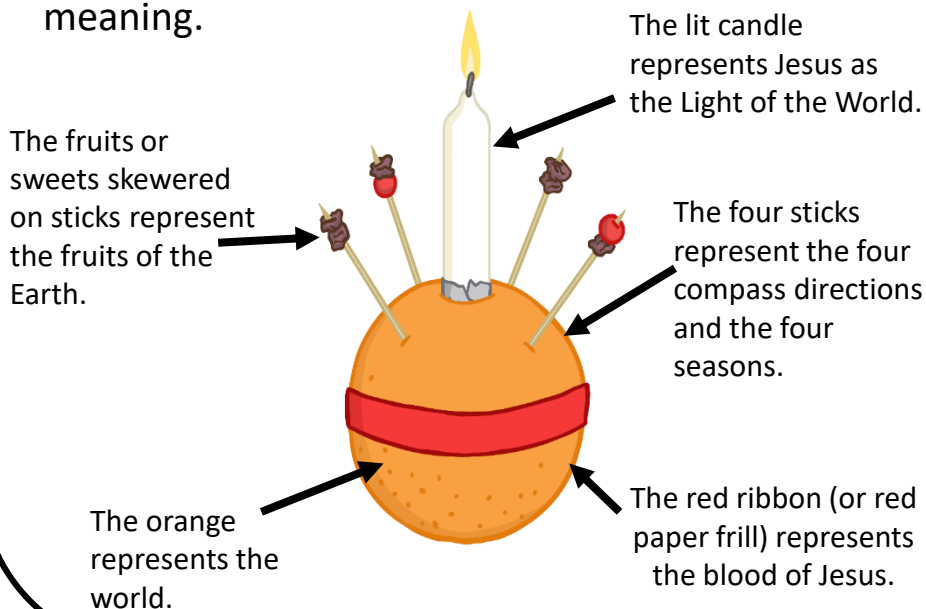
Lakshmana, Sita and Lord Rama returning home.



Christianity – Christingles

- Christingle means 'Christ's Light'.
- Christingles are used by Christians to celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World.
- Christingles are usually used during church services during Advent.

Each part of the Christingle has an important meaning.



Christianity – Advent

- Advent means "the coming".
- It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve.
- It is a time for Christians to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

An example of an advent wreath:



Extending your learning:

How do you celebrate light at home?

Can you think of any religious fables that mention light in them?