

Knowledge

- Candles are used to remember someone or something.
- **Divali** is the **Hindu** Festival of Lights.
- It is celebrated sometime in October or November.
- It honours **Lakshmi** the goddess of wealth.
- **Hindus** celebrate with fireworks, decorations and gifts and tell the story of **Rama** and **Sita**.
- **Christians** also use light at **Christmas**.
- An example is the **Advent ring/wreath** which has 4 candles.
- A candle is lit on each of the 4 Sundays leading up to **Christmas**.
- It reminds Christians to **wait** and prepare for **Christmas** and the coming of **Jesus** as the **light of the world**.



Prior Knowledge (Year R/1)

- ❖ The birth of Jesus at Christmas was special to Christians.
- ❖ Symbols are important in religions.
- ❖ Hindus have special festivals to celebrate a god/goddess.
- ❖ Light/candlelight are important in religious celebrations.

Skills

Children will be able to:

- ❖ Simply describe the concept of *candlelight as a symbol*.
- ❖ Simply describe ways in which *candlelight as a symbol* is shown by Christians at Advent and Hindus at Divali.
- ❖ In simple terms discern something of the value of *candlelight as a symbol* for Christians and for Hindus.
- ❖ Express creatively their response to the concept of *candlelight as a symbol*.
- ❖ Recognise how *candlelight as a symbol* relates to their own lives and those of others.



Key Vocabulary

- ❖ Divali festival of light
- ❖ Lakshmi goddess of wealth
- ❖ Rama and Sita
- ❖ Advent ring
- ❖ Advent wreath
- ❖ Jesus - light of the world

Safeguarding

- ❖ Ensure appropriate use of images.
- ❖ Respecting all backgrounds.
- ❖ Awareness of children's religious beliefs.
- ❖ Prevent.

