

Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infant School

Year 2

RE
Theme: Candlelight at Divali and Advent Concept: Candlelight as a symbol

Autumn 2

Knowledge

Children will learn that:

- 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

- ❖ 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:

- ❖ Select a medium and creatively respond to the concept of *candlelight as a symbol*.
- ❖ recognise how *candlelight as a symbol* relates to their own lives.
- ❖ Understand how light is an important symbol for both Hindu's and Christians.
- ❖ Ask questions to learn more.
- ❖ Independently make links with prior learning.



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

