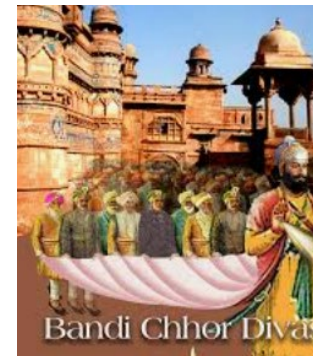




Religious Education:	Year 3	Autumn 1	Enquiry Question: Would celebrating Diwali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to Hindu and Sikh people?	Religion: Hinduism & Sikhism
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In this enquiry, we will look at the story, beliefs and celebrations behind the Diwali festival for Hindus and Sikhs.

What we will learn:	Personal connection
<p><b>Hinduism:</b> Hindus believe in Brahman as the one true God who is eternal. Hindus celebrate the story of Rama and Sita.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diwali is an extremely popular Hindu festival which happens at the start of winter. It celebrates the story of the Ramayana which describes the events leading up to the return of Rama to his kingdom after fourteen years in exile. It is a classic story of good defeating evil.</li> <li>• The lighting of small lamps signals moving from darkness to light.</li> <li>• A ceremony dedicated to the Goddess of Wealth, Lakshmi, may be carried out too. Money is given to charity; gifts are exchanged, and a family feast is held.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sikhism:</b> Sikhs celebrate Diwali to remember the release of Guru Hargobind Ji, the sixth Sikh Guru, and 52 kings from imprisonment by Emperor Jahangir. This event is known as "Bandi Chhor Divas," which means "Day of Liberation."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victory of Good Over Evil: Similar to Hindu beliefs, Sikhs also see Diwali as a time when good triumphs over evil, and light overcomes darkness.</li> <li>• Prayers and Gatherings: Sikhs visit the Gurdwara (Sikh temple) to pray, sing hymns, and listen to stories about the Guru. It's a time to come together with family and friends.</li> <li>• Lighting and Decorations: Sikhs light candles and lamps, decorate their homes, and enjoy fireworks, which symbolize joy and spreading light.</li> <li>• Charity and Sharing: Sikhs are encouraged to give to charity, share food (Langar), and help those in need, reflecting the values of generosity and kindness.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is it important to remember the old stories?</li> <li>• Why is it a good thing to have a family celebration?</li> <li>• What special foods are present at special occasions?</li> </ul> 

Key Vocabulary	Home learning ideas/questions:
<p><b>Divas:</b> Light, Glow. The name Diva means Light, Glow and is of Arabic origin</p> <p><b>Rangoli:</b> decorative patterns</p> <p>-<b>Ramayana:</b> one of the holy books – story of Rama and Sita. The <b>Vedas</b> are the sacred scriptures of Hinduism.</p> <p>-<b>Guru Granth Sahib:</b> The Sikh holy book, Sikhs believe this book is a living Guru.</p> <p><b>Community:</b> the people living in a certain place</p>	<p>Which festivals do you celebrate at home? How are they similar different to how Diwali is celebrated? Where have you seen fireworks?</p> 

