



St Sebastian's C of E Primary School and Nursery  
 "Love for Others, Learning in Every Step"  
 (Luke 10: 25-37)



Tier 3 - Subject Specific Vocabulary

<b>Diwali (Diwali)</b>	the Hindu festival of lights
<b>Rama and Sita</b>	Hindu story often remembered at Diwali
<b>Lakshmi</b>	Hindu goddess of wealth, invited into homes during Diwali
<b>Diya lamp</b>	small lamp lit at Diwali to welcome Lakshmi and symbolise light over darkness
<b>Rangoli</b>	colourful patterns made on the ground to welcome guests
<b>Puja</b>	worship ritual, often including prayer, offerings, and lamps
<b>Community</b>	a group of people who share beliefs and practices

## Y3/4 RE Knowledge Organiser – Hinduism

**Enquiry Question:** Would celebrating Diwali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?

In this unit we will learn about the Hindu festival of **Diwali**, how it is celebrated at home and in the community, and what it means for Hindu families. We will think about the story of **Rama and Sita**, the symbols of light and hope, and how celebrations can bring people a sense of **belonging**.

**We are learning to:**

- Find out what happens during the festival of Diwali.
- Explore how Hindus celebrate Diwali at home and in the community.
- Understand why Diwali is important for Hindus.
- Reflect on how celebrations help people feel they belong.

**Key Knowledge:**

- Diwali is one of the most important Hindu festivals, also called the **festival of lights**.
- It celebrates the victory of **good over evil, light over darkness**.
- Hindus remember the story of **Rama and Sita** and their return home after defeating Ravana.
- Families light **diya lamps**, decorate their homes with **rangoli patterns**, share food, exchange gifts, and pray to **Lakshmi** for blessings.
- Celebrating Diwali can make Hindu children feel part of their family, faith, and wider community.



The main Hindu symbol is Om (Aum). It means the sound of the universe and reminds Hindus of three gods: Brahma the creator, Vishnu the preserver, and Shiva the destroyer.