

Diwali and Christmas

We will be exploring and investigating?

- What the festival of **Diwali** is and why it is important to Hindus.
- Why Diwali is called the **festival of light**.
- How Hindus celebrate Diwali.
- What is **advent** and what happens in churches?
- How different characters from the Christmas story would have felt.
- What important role the **angels** played in the Christmas story.
- Who the '**Magi**' were and their role in the story.
- How artists have shown the story of the nativity in paintings.
- Why **Bethlehem** is an important place and why people go on pilgrimage there.
- What the similarities and differences are between Diwali and Christmas.



Word Bank

Diwali	Rama	Sita	Ravana	diva lamp
celebrate	festival	Hindus	Lakshmi	
advent	Mary	Joseph	Gabriel	shepherds
Magi	Nazareth	Bethlehem	journey	
announced	manger	frankincense	myrrh	
nativity	similarities	differences	artists	

Diwali- The Hindu festival of lights

Lakshmi- The Hindu goddess of wealth

Advent- A special time for Christians leading up to Christmas.

Magi- The official name for the wise men/kings

Nativity- The name given to the scene where Jesus was born in the manger.

Frankincense- A gum/ resin from African and Arabian trees that can be burnt to give off a fragrance.

Myrrh- A gum/ resin from trees that can be used in perfumes and fragrances.