

Phase: 1/2

Subject: RE

Focus: Light and Dark

Term: Autumn 2

What I should already know?

To know some religious beliefs.
To know about some religious festivals and light.

Vocabulary

Advent	The start of the Christian year. Advent is the four weeks before Christmas.
Christianity	One of the main world religions.
Christians	People who follow the religion of Christianity.
Christmas	A Christian festival to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.
Wreath	An arrangement of flowers, leaves or stems fastened in a ring and used for decoration,
Christingles	A symbolic object to celebrate Jesus Christ as the 'Light of the World'.
Symbolises	To represent something.
Diwali	The Hindu Festival of Light.
Hinduism	One of the main world religions.
Hindus	People who follow the religion of Hinduism.
Lakshmi	Hindu Goddess of wealth, fortune, power, luxury and beauty.
Hanukkah	An eight day Jewish Celebration. The Jewish Festival of Light.
Judaism	One of the main world religions.
Jews	People who follow the religion of Judaism.
Hanukkah Menorah	Menorah is Hebrew for lamp. Eight lights in a row, with a ninth lamp off to the side or above.

Knowledge

Advent: The start of the Christian year. It is a time for Christians to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Advent is the four weeks before Christmas It starts in the nearest Sunday to 30th November and ends on Christmas Eve.

Diwali: A Hindu Festival of Light. It lasts for five days and celebrates the New Year. In Northern India and elsewhere Diwali celebrates Rama and Sita's return from exile. In Nepal, Diwali commemorates the victory of Lord Krishna over the demon king Narakaasura. In Bengal, it is associated with the goddess Kali. In Gujarat, the festival honours Lakshmi.

Light is important to religious believers: **Christmas-** Christians believe Jesus to be the 'Light of the World'. Christians believe Jesus brings light and hope to the world. Light also represents the star of Bethlehem, which led the Three Wise Men to Baby Jesus.
Diwali- Celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. Lighting lamps represents the destruction of all negative forces such as evil and ignorance.
Hanukkah- The Menorah light allowed the Maccabee brothers to repair the temple. It was a miracle that the candle stayed lit for eight days and shows Jews that God was with them.

Hanukkah: Dates back to two hundred years before the start of Christianity and celebrates one of the greatest miracles in Jewish history. The Maccabee brothers fought for what they believed in and they thought was right.

Hanukkah Menorah: A nine branch candle holder. One candle is lit each night during Hanukkah. The candles are placed from right to left, but lit from left to right. The branch in the middle is called the shamash. This is the place for the candle that is used to light all the other candles. The Hanukkah Menorah is also known as Chanukiah or Hanukiah.



By the end of the unit I should know...

- I can tell you two facts about advents.
- I can tell you why Advent is important to Christians.
- I can name two types of lights you might see at Christmas.
- I can tell you what lights at Christmas represents for Christians.
- I can sequence the story of Rama and Sita.
- I can tell you the message in the story of Rama and Sita.
- I can name two types of lights you might see at Diwali.
- I can tell you what light represents for Hindus.
- I can recall important events from the story of Hanukkah.
- I can tell you the message in the story of Hanukkah.
- I can tell you two facts about the Hanukkah Menorah,
- I can tell you what light at Hanukkah represents for Jews.

<u>Question 1:</u> What is Advent?
<u>Start of unit</u>
<u>End of Unit</u>
<u>Don't know</u>



<u>Question 5:</u> What is Hanukkah?
<u>Start of unit</u>
<u>End of Unit</u>
<u>Don't know</u>

<u>Question 2:</u> Give an example of what light represents to religious
<u>Start of unit</u>
<u>End of Unit</u>
<u>Don't know</u>

<u>Question 6:</u> What is Hanukkah Menorah?
<u>Start of unit</u>
<u>End of Unit</u>
<u>Don't know</u>

<u>Question 3:</u> What is Diwali?
<u>Start of unit</u>
<u>End of Unit</u>
<u>Don't know</u>

<u>What I would like to find out?</u>

<u>Question 4:</u> Name two types of lights you see at Diwali.
<u>Start of unit</u>
<u>End of Unit</u>
<u>Don't know</u>

<u>Answers to my questions...</u>