

Topic: Hindu Dharma

Key Question: What might a Hindu learn from celebrating Diwali?

Autumn 1

Year 4

## Vocabulary you will learn:

Avatar	Living animal or human form of a god.
Moral	A lesson that can be found in a story.
Diwali	A 5 day celebration which takes place in autumn.
Dharma	Religious duty.
Deity	A god or a goddess.
Diya	Small oil lamps used for decoration to remind people of the importance of light.



Traditionally, Vishnu has had 10 previous avatars. Rama is one of Vishnu's avatars.

## Religious Story/Religious Beliefs:

The story of Rama and Sita reminds Hindus that good triumphs over evil. In the story, Rama, Sita and Hanuman represent goodness and light. Ravana represents darkness and evil. It is Rama's role to destroy evil.

The story is celebrated at Diwali – celebrating good overcoming evil and light overcoming darkness.

## What I will know at the end of the unit.

1	Be able to retell the story of Rama and Sita demonstrating good overcoming evil.	
2	Diwali is celebrated with the lighting of diya lamps, fireworks and decorating homes with rangoli patterns.	
3	Rama is an avatar of the god Vishnu who came to earth to defeat evil and restore dharma.	
4	Light is important because it is a symbol of good destroying evil.	
5	Know how Hindus and all of us can learn morals from the story and find hope in times of trouble.	

## Key facts about Hindu Dharma:

**Holy book:** Ramayana (epic poem)  
**Place of Worship:** Mandir and home shrines.  
**Belief:** Hindus believe in one god- **Brahman** who is made up of 3 parts:-  
**Brahma** - creates the universe,  
**Vishnu** - protects and preserves the universe  
**Shiva** - destroys the universe.  
**Special Day:** Diwali, Holi, Navaratri.