

## RE—Hinduism Diwali Kestrels

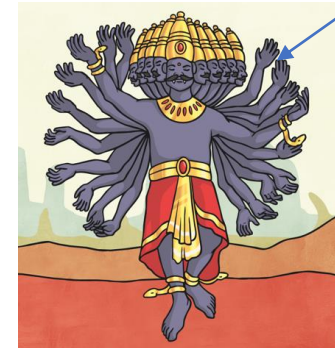
### Key Vocabulary

Diwali	A Hindu festival of lights. It means 'row of lights'.
Hinduism	A religion that originated in Northern India.
Hindu	A person who follows the religion Hinduism.

Lakshmi



The Legend of Rama and Sita tells the story of when they were sent away by the King.



Ravana the ten-headed demon tried to take Sita away from Rama. Rama and Ravana fought a battle and the demon was killed by Rama's arrow.

### Key Facts

Diwali takes place annually and lasts for five days, marking the start of the **Hindu New Year**. It is a special holiday for Hindus celebrated with family and friends by eating food, sweets, dressing in new clothes and watching fireworks.

Diwali is a celebration of good winning over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.

The story of Rama and Sita is told during the five day celebration of Diwali.

The festival usually honours Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth. In India, Hindus leave the windows and doors open of their houses so that Lakshmi can come in.

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Map



**Rangoli** is a pattern created on the floor or the ground using materials such as coloured rice, sand or paint to welcome in good luck.



**Diva** is a lamp made of clay that is lit during Diwali.



## Tier 2 Vocabulary

participate	To be involved and take part.
design	a plan or drawing to show the look of a building, garment, or other object before it is made.
tradition	customs or beliefs passed on from generation to generation