

What is special about light?

Spring 1

**Vocabulary**

**Advent:** 4 weeks leading up to Christmas, which Christians use to get ready for the Incarnation of Jesus

**Diwali:** Hindu celebration celebrating good winning over evil

**Dreidel:** Jewish game played at Hanukkah

**Hanukkah (Hanukah, Chanukah):** Jewish celebration remembering a miracle story from 2500 years ago

**Hanukiah:** A special 9 branched candle holder, with a candle lit each night of the Hanukkah festival

**Hanuman:** Hindu god of the monkeys

**Rama and Sita:** Incarnation of Vishnu, became prince Rama, who the Diwali festival is based around Rama's story, along with his wife Sita

**Symbols/Images/artefacts****Key learning**

- Explain the meaning of light to me and others
- Make connections between what I and others believe and do and between different religious festivals of light
- Understand how a festival can help people to deepen their faith

**Important people/places/artefacts**

Diva lights



Hanukiah



Advent wreath &amp; candles

**Links to further learning**

- Include opportunities for pupils to present their own ideas and beliefs about light through art or creating (writing or acting out) a story.
- Children to use the gained knowledge and additional research to compare different festivals of light (similarities and differences). Children to present their findings (as a presentation or through art).
- Children may also compare the way one festival is celebrated in different regions/countries.