

# Alder Coppice Primary School — Knowledge Organiser

**Religious Education**

**Year: 2**

**Unit2  
Festivals of  
Light**

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## What I Should Already Know:

A celebration is special enjoyable event that people organise because something pleasant has happened.

A festival is an occasion for remembering events in religion.

The Hindu festival **Raksha Bandhan** teaches us how brothers, sisters and families care for each other.

## Subject Vocabulary:

**Festivals:** Occasions for remembering events in religions

**Celebrations:** A special occasion. People come together and celebrate because something enjoyable has happened.

**Occasion:** A special or important time.

**Christian:** Someone who believes in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

**Hinduism:** It is over 4,000 years old, making it one of the world's oldest religions

**Mandir:** A special place where Hindus go.

## Skills & Enquiry:

### Beliefs and Teachings

Understand the key teachings of religions

### How Beliefs are expressed

Understand how books, scriptures, art, readings, and buildings convey beliefs.



## Unit Specific Vocabulary:

**Christmas:** Christian festival when the birth of Jesus Christ is celebrated. Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December.

**Jesus:** Christians believe Jesus to be 'The Light of the World'. Christians believe Jesus brings light and hope to the world.

**Diwali:** Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights' because houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called 'divas'.

**Divas:** small oil lamps. These lamps are often placed in rows in windows, doors, and outside buildings as decoration during festival of Diwali.

**Rama:** A prince married to Princess Sita.

**Sita:** A princess married to prince Rama.

**Lakshmi:** The Goddess of wealth.

**Rangoli Patterns:** Rangoli can be square, rectangular, or circular. They are traditionally drawn using rice grains, flour, sand, or chalk.

## What I should know by the end of the Unit:

Christmas is a Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus.

The Star of Bethlehem guided the Three Wise Men to Baby Jesus.

Diwali is a Hindu 'festival of light' which lasts five days and is celebrated in the Autumn season.

Hindus light Diva lamps at Diwali to remember the story of Rama and Sita and how they found their way home.

