

Diwali & Bonfire Night







Diwali

Key Question: What can we see in the dark sky at night?

Diwali is known as the festival of lights.

It is celebrated all around the world by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhists.

The festival usually lasts five days and is celebrated during the Hindu lunisolar month Kartika (between mid-October and mid-November).

Diwali symbolises the triumph of good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.

Diwali is usually associated with Lakshmi – the goddess of prosperity. Rama and Sita are two other prominent figures.

Bonfire Night

Key Questions: Can you describe the fireworks? What did they look and sound like?

On **5th November**, people across the UK celebrate Bonfire Night with fireworks, bonfires, sparklers and toffee apples.

The reason we do it is because it's the anniversary of a failed attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

This was called the Gunpowder Plot.

Key Vocabulary

Hindus – Someone who practises the teachings associated with Hinduism.

Jains – Someone who follows the teachings associated with Jainism.

Sikhs – Someone who follows the teachings associated with Sikhism.

Buddhist – Someone who follows the practises of Buddhism.

Bonfire – A large, controlled, outdoor fire. Usually made of wood

Firework – A small explosive that is used for celebratory or entertainment purposes.



