

Gunthorpe Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

Focus:

RE – Celebrating Festivals of Light

Year 1:

Autumn 2

Overview



Many churches and schools hold **Christingle** services. A Christingle is an orange decorated with a red ribbon, sweets and a candle. The lit candle represents **Jesus** as the 'light of the world.'

Fireworks are set off during **Diwali** celebrations.



On each night of **Hanukkah**, a branch of the **menorah** is lit as a reminder that God is with you, even during difficult times.



Key Knowledge

Light is important to **Christians**, as they believe **Jesus** to be the 'light of the world', bringing light and hope to people, even in times of darkness.



Hanukkah celebrates one of the greatest **miracles** in **Jewish** history. After their temples were destroyed by the King's army, the Jews found a tiny amount of oil at the temple in Jerusalem to light a **menorah**. The **menorah** had seven branches. It kept burning for eight days and nights - a **miracle**!

Diwali celebrates the victory of good over **evil** and light over darkness. At **Diwali**, some **Hindus** remember the story of Rama and Sita returning from **exile**, where their way home was lit by lamps. **Hindus** light **diva** lamps at **Diwali** to welcome **Lakshmi** into their homes.



Words we know











Words we are going to learn

Key Vocabulary

Spelling

Definition

	Christmas	A festival in December when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus.
	Star	A star is often placed on top of the Christmas tree, as a reminder of the star above the stable.
	Advent	The four weeks leading up to Christmas (starting on the nearest Sunday to 30th November).
	Diwali	The Hindu festival of light.
	Hanukkah	The Jewish festival of light.
	Diya	A small lamp usually made from clay.
	Menorah	A special candlestick used in Jewish worship.
	Miracle	An amazing event that can't be explained.

In EYFS you learnt to...

Look at how Christmas is celebrated around the world

Find out how Christingles are used to celebrate Advent

Understand more about the Hindu festival of Diwali