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.

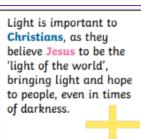
The lit candle represents Jesus as the 'light of the world.'



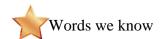
On each night of Hanukkah, a branch of the menorah is lit as a reminder that God is with you, even during difficult times.



Key Knowledge



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!





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.

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.

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