



Reception
Autumn Term

Diwali

It is the festival of lights and it is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs. During this festival, people light up their houses and shops. They worship Lord Ganesha for good welfare and prosperity and Goddess Lakshmi for wealth and wisdom.

Key Vocabulary		
1	Diwali	Diwali is a five day festival. It is well known as the festival of light.
2	Mendhi	 <p>Mendhi is a form of body art, it is made by the powdered leaves of the henna plant.</p>
3	Rangoli	<p>Rangoli is an art form, originating in the Indian subcontinent, in which patterns are created on the floor or the ground using materials such as colored rice, dry flour, colored sand or flower petals. ... The purpose of rangoli is decoration, and it is thought to bring good luck.</p> 
4	Rama and Sita	<p>A good man, called Rama, was married to a beautiful princess, called Sita. They had been banished to live in the forest with his brother, Lakshman, by his stepmother, as she wanted her son to be King. The demon king disguised himself as an old man and tricked Sita</p> 

Key Knowledge

Diwali falls in either October or November each year depending on the cycle of the moon.

Lakshmi is the Hindu goddess of wealth, good fortune, prosperity and beauty.



Ravana in Hinduism is the 10 headed king of demons.



Ganesha is the elephant headed Hindu god of beginnings.





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Christmas

Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Christ.

Key Vocabulary

1	Nativity	Nativity is a Latin word which means "To be born"	
	Nativity Play	A play that tells the story of Jesus Christ's birth, usually performed by children at Christmas.	
2	Jesus	Born in Bethlehem.	
3	Bethlehem	Bethlehem is an ancient town in the Middle East. It is important to Christians, who believe it is where Jesus Christ was born. Bethlehem lies just outside the city of Jerusalem. It is located in an area called the West Bank.	
4	Mary and Joseph	<p>God sent the angel Gabriel to a young woman who lived in the northern town of Nazareth. The girl's name was Mary and she was engaged to marry Joseph.</p>	
	Nazareth	Nazareth is the largest city in the northern district of Israel.	

Key Knowledge

Turkeys were eaten instead of cows and chickens because the farmers needed their cows more for their milk, and needed their chickens for the eggs, which back then were more expensive than they are today. 87% of British people believe that Christmas would not be the same without a traditional roast turkey.

The evergreen fir tree has traditionally been used to celebrate winter festivals for thousands of years.

Christmas Eve – 24th December
 Christmas Day – 25th December
 Boxing Day – 26th December.
 New Year's Eve – 31st December
 New Year's Day – 1st January