Y2/3 Autumn 1 RE

Why is light an important symbol?

Light helps us see, stay safe and live. Christians, Hindus and Jews also use light to represent special beliefs such as hope, goodness, God's care, peace and good winning over evil.

Key Vocabulary:

Light
Energy that lets us see.

Symbol
A picture or object with special meaning.

Christingle
A decorated orange showing Jesus as the light.

Worship
Showing love and honour to God.

Hinduism
A major religion that started in India.

Diwali
The Hindu festival of lights.

Diva lamp
A small clay lamp with a burning wick.

Christingle

Hanukkah - The Jewish festival of lights.

Hinduism

Hindus use Diwali lights. They show good winning over evil in the story of Rama and Sita.

Hanukkah

* Jewish people remember a miracle when one small jar of oil burned for eight days.
* This shows the Jewish belief that God is a Provider who cares for them.
* A Hanukkiah has nine candles: eight for the days and one helper candle.
* Children may play with a dreidel, a spinning top with Hebrew letters.

Shabbat

* Shabbat is a special Jewish day of rest and peace.
* Every Friday evening, families welcome Shabbat as the sun sets.
* Two candles are lit to bring warmth and peace for the day of rest.

Diwali

* During Diwali, families light diva lamps and create Rangoli floor patterns. Lamps invite good fortune. Rangoli patterns greet guests.

How Three Religions Use Light

Christianity	**Hinduism**	**Judaism**
Jesus is the Light of the World. A Christingle shows hope and light.	Diwali lights show good winning over evil in the story of Rama and Sita.	Hanukkah lights remember the miracle of the oil. Shabbat candles bring peace and rest.