

# SMRP RE Knowledge Organiser for Year 3—Why are festivals important to religious communities?





This unit explores the Hindu festival, Diwali and the Christian festival, Christmas



## RE knowledge

DIWALI	CHRISTMAS
A Hindu festival known as the festival of light.	A Christian festival.
A celebration of Rama defeating the evil spirit Ravana. 	A celebration of the birth of Jesus. Christians believe Jesus is the son of God. 
During Diwali, Hindus light up their homes with <b>diva lamps</b> and leave <b>rangoli</b> patterns outside. 	During <b>Advent</b> , Christians countdown the days until Jesus' birthday by lighting advent candles and opening advent calendars. 
Hindus exchange traditional gifts. 	On Christmas Day, Christians give each other presents. 

## RE Vocabulary

<b>Advent</b>	The four week period of waiting before Christmas.
<b>Census</b>	A count of the number of people living in every town and city.
<b>Christianity</b>	A religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.
<b>Diya lamp</b> 	A small oil lamp made from clay
<b>Diwali</b>	The Hindu festival of light.
<b>Hinduism</b>	A religion that worships one God in many different forms.
<b>Rama</b> 	A prince who lived in ancient India
<b>Rangoli</b> 	A pattern made on the ground during Diwali to welcome the Goddess Lakshmi to people's homes.
<b>Ravana</b> 	An evil demon king with 10 heads.