

Multi-cultural week November 2018

Hindu Festivals

This week as part of multicultural week we have been learning about Hinduism. We learnt about the different festivals celebrated, focusing on Diwali and Holi.

Diwali is the five-day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. The festival, which coincides with the Hindu New Year, celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.

Holi, known as the 'festival of colours' is celebrated on the full moon day falling in the month of Phalguna (Feb-Mar). Various colours and water are thrown on each other, amidst loud music, drums etc to celebrate Holi. Like many other festivals in India, Holi also signifies a victory of good over evil.

We also listened to the story of Rama and Sita. During the Diwali celebrations, Hindus retell the Ramayana as the story of Prince Rama, the Hindu god Vishnu in human form, who obeyed his father and left his kingdom to live in exile for 14 years. While in exile, Rama's wife, Sita, is kidnapped by a fearsome king named Ravana.

We designed Mendi patterns and made firework pictures to celebrate the festival of light.

