

04.11.2024 Whole School Assembly: Diwali

Thinking time whilst coming into assembly:

On the screen at the front were projected 3 clues for the children to think about the theme of today's assembly:

Clue 1: **We study this in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 (festivals and celebrations, Sikhism)**

Clue 2 (Rangoli patterns):



Clue 3 (Katy Perry singing Firework):





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We looked at our clues and then discussed how the children reached their answers. Because Diwali is a big part of the Highfield RE curriculum, we recalled our knowledge before presenting 6 questions for the children to answer whilst watching a Diwali video. The video introduced two children who show how their family prepares for Diwali in their home and in their community. They explain what the festival means and share Hindu traditions. The six questions to think about were:

- What is Diwali?

(The Hindu festival of light)

- What story is remembered during Diwali?

(The story of Rama and Sita)

- How long are Rama and Sita away before they are able to return home?

(14 years)

- At what time of year is Diwali celebrated?

(During the Autumn)

- What do families do to prepare for Diwali?

(Clean their homes, wear new clothes and exchange gifts)

- How do Hindus invite Lakshmi into their homes?

(They make Rangoli patterns and light candles)

As a finishing thought, I asked the children to consider the following:

If someone is facing challenges (darkness), could you be their light?