

The Festival of Lights: The Story of Diwali

Step into the glow of Diwali: Where light conquers darkness and goodness shines bright!

- Diwali is a major festival celebrated by millions of people around the world, symbolising the spiritual victory of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.
- The story often tells of Prince Rama, his wife Sita, and his brother Lakshmana returning home to the city of Ayodhya after fourteen years of exile.
- To help the travellers find their way back home on the darkest night of the lunar month, the people of Ayodhya lit thousands of clay lamps, known as diyas, to guide them.
- Today, families celebrate by cleaning their homes, wearing new clothes, sharing delicious sweets with friends, and lighting diyas to fill their houses with warmth.
- Diwali is not just about the lights; it is a time for families to reflect on kindness, generosity, and the importance of helping those in need within the community.

Did you know? Did you know? During Diwali, people create beautiful patterns on the floor called Rangoli using coloured powders, rice, or flower petals to welcome good fortune and prosperity into their homes!

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