

Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Light up the world with kindness and joy this Diwali!

- Diwali is known as the Festival of Lights because people light small clay lamps called 'diyas' to symbolise the victory of light over darkness.
- The festival celebrates the story of Prince Rama and Princess Sita returning home after a long journey, guided by the light of thousands of lamps.
- Many people wear new clothes and share delicious sweets and gifts with their friends and family during the celebration.
- Fireworks are often set off to add brightness and joy to the night sky, matching the glow of the lamps below.
- Diwali is a time for cleaning homes and making them look beautiful to welcome goodness and happiness for the year ahead.

Did you know? Did you know? During Diwali, families often create beautiful 'Rangoli' patterns on the floor near their front doors using coloured sand, rice, or flower petals to welcome guests and bring good luck!

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