

Believing: The Best Diwali Ever

Key Questions:

- Which stories are special? (Believing)
- Which people are special? (Believing)



Key Outcomes:

- Talk about some religious stories using new vocabulary
- Listen attentively and ask questions about the book 'The Best Diwali Ever.'
- Recognise some religious words e.g Diwali, Hindu, Mandir.
- Identify some of their own feelings in the stories they hear.
- Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
- Talk about people who are special to them.
- Have conversations about what makes their family and friends special to them.

Key Vocabulary

Celebration	A gathering or act to honour a particular day or event.
Diwali	The festival of light.
Hindu	A follower of the Hinduism religion.
Mandir	A Hindu place of worship.
Brahman	Supreme God.

Possible experiences linked to outcomes:

- Explore the book 'The Best Diwali Ever', re-telling to others and sharing parts of the story they like.
- Explore stories through role play, freeze-framing, model-making, puppets and shadow puppets, art, dance, singing, and music.
- Recreate a Diwali festival, create salt-dough Diya lamps, play Indian music and encourage children to create a simple Diwali themed dance, try some Diwali snacks such as samosas.
- Watch and discuss how Deeya celebrates Diwali (What is Diwali? BBC Bitesize)
- Create firework artwork.
- Use matching games to remind children of the main things they heard from 'A Christmas story' and 'The Best Diwali Ever'.

Linked texts: Binny's Diwali, Little Glow, First Festivals: Diwali, Diwali in My New Home, The Light Within You.