

**Vocabulary**— goodness, Rama, Sita, Ramayana, good, evil, Lakshman, Ravanna, Hanuman, King Dasharatha, Hindus, deity, protector, presever, Vishnu, earth, Avatar, restore, Dharma, Diwali, festival, rangoli

## Year 4 —RE Overview

**Topic**— Hinduism



### Things to remember—What might a Hindu learn from celebrating Diwali?

This unit gives pupils the opportunity to revisit the story of Rama and Sita (they will have been introduced to this story in Y3) and to explore the theme of good overcoming evil – just as light overcomes darkness. Pupils should deepen their understanding of Hindu beliefs about God by learning about Rama as an avatar of Vishnu. They should be able to connect this with the Diwali theme – Rama is a deity and therefore represents goodness. As an avatar of Vishnu, it is his role to uphold dharma and fight evil. This is exemplified in the story of Rama and Sita which is celebrated at Diwali. Pupils should know that Diwali is a popular Hindu festival and be able to explain the deeper meaning of festival celebrations such as the lighting of diva lamps, fireworks, decorating homes with rangoli patterns. They should reflect on the symbolism of light within all human cultures, and consider how light might be a universal symbol of goodness and hope.

### Prior learning—Y3

Why is family important in Hindu life?

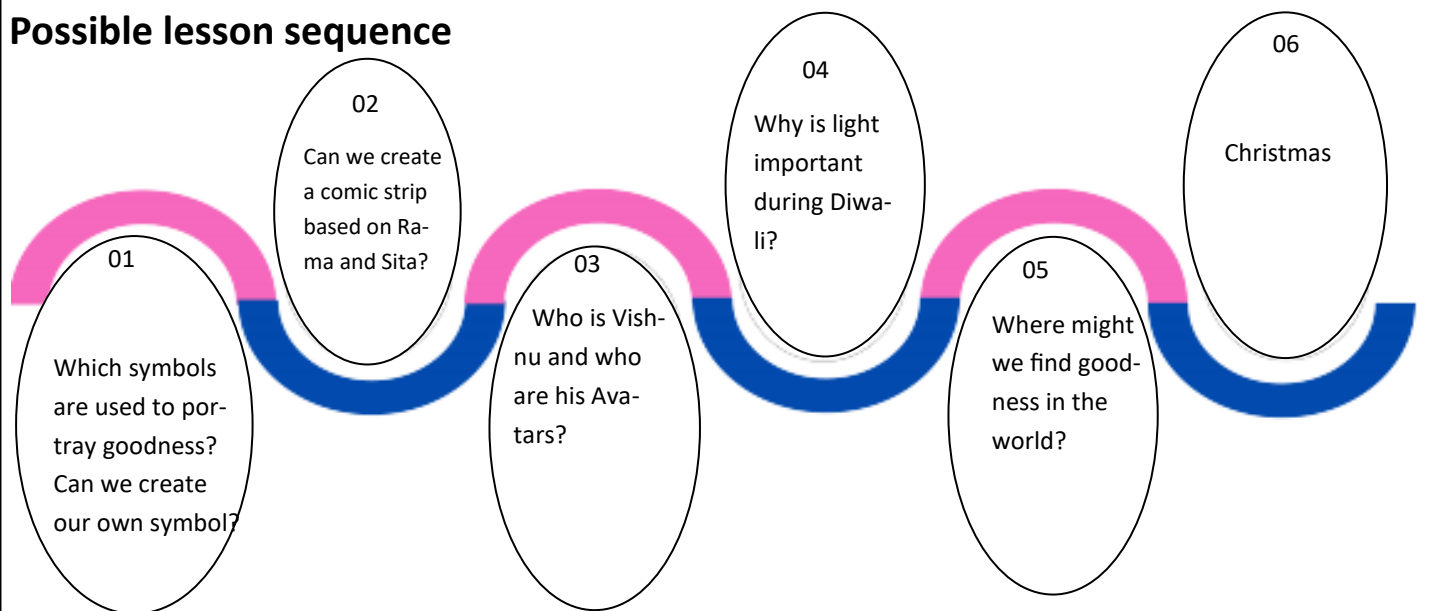
How do Hindus celebrate Diwali with their families?

### Progression—Y5

Hindu festival of Holi.

Vishnu's avatars (Rama)

### Possible lesson sequence



### Pupil Interview questions

What does the story of Rama and Sita teach us?

What is an Avatar?

Who is Vishnu?

Why do Hindus celebrate Diwali?

Name 2 things that you would find during Diwali?