

**Key Concept:** Religions use stories to pass on ideas.

**Key Question:** What do Hindus learn from the Diwali story?

**What should I already know?**

- The importance of celebrations and festivals.
- The Hindu creation story.
- There are different religions which have different traditions and beliefs.

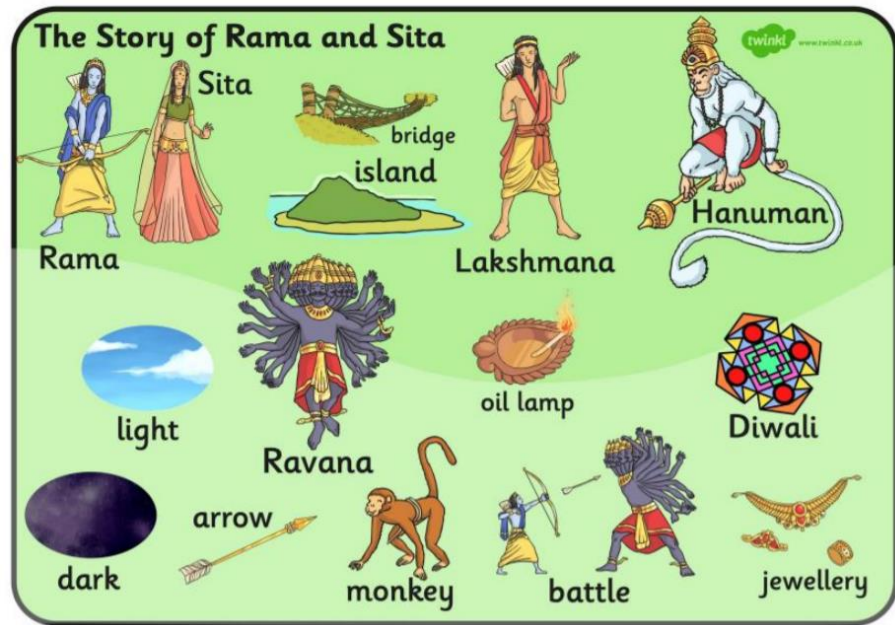
**What will I know by the end of this unit?**

Hinduism

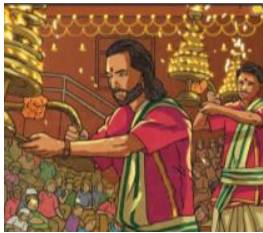


Hinduism is the oldest of the world's religions. It is now practised all over the world but originated in South East Asia. It is a mix of different beliefs, cultures and traditions dating back over 4000 years

The Story of Rama and Sita



Diwali



Diwali is the 'festival of lights' and is celebrated in late autumn. Diwali celebrates the victory of good over evil and light over darkness. At Diwali, some Hindus remember the story of Rama and Sita returning from exile, where their way home was lit by lamps. Hindus light diya lamps at Diwali to welcome Lakshmi into their homes. Fireworks, presents and new clothes are used to celebrate.

Diwali always falls some time between October and November, but the exact date varies each year as the Hindu calendar is based on the Moon. In 2023, Diwali is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

**Key Vocabulary:**

Diwali	The Hindu festival of light
Hindu	Someone who follows Hinduism.
festival	A celebration- taking part in enjoyable activities for a particular occasion.
exile	To be made to stay away from home.
Lakshmi	The Hindu goddess of wealth.
diya Lamp	A small oil lamp (usually made from clay).