## RE Year 4 Spring 2 Focus Themes: significance

## What does light mean? What does dark mean?

Word	Definition
symbol	A sign representing an idea
Diwali	Hindu festival of light
good	Something that is approved of
evil	Something that is immoral or wicked
Jesus	Christian son of God
moon	Natural satellite of the Earth
stars	A light in the sky

A Jewish festival

Hanukkah

## Key Knowledge and Concepts



Light and dark is used as a symbol in many religions.

For Hindus Diwali is the festival of light, symbolising the victory of light over darkness/



good over evil.



In Christianity, Jesus is seen as the light of the world.

In the Bible, light is a symbol of holiness, goodness and hope. By contrast, darkness is associated with evil and sin.

In Islam, the moon and the stars are important symbols.

Islam emerged in Arabia where travel along the desert was by night, and navigation depended upon the position of the moon and stars. The moon thus represents the guidance of God on the path through life.



For Muslims, the Qur'an and Prophet Muhammed and like the guide and light.