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Diwali









DIWALI

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

- Diwali is the main festival for people of the Hindu religion.
- It is called the 'festival of light'.
- It celebrates the victory of good over evil – light over dark.
- It also marks the start of a new year for Hindus.

- **Diwali is held on the darkest night in the Hindu month of Kartika (October/November).**
- **It is held on the night of a new moon (when there is no moon in the sky – the darkest night).**

| November 2012 | | | | | | |
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- **The date of the festival changes each year because the cycle of the moon is not in line with the months.**
- **This year, the date of the festival is Saturday 14th November.**





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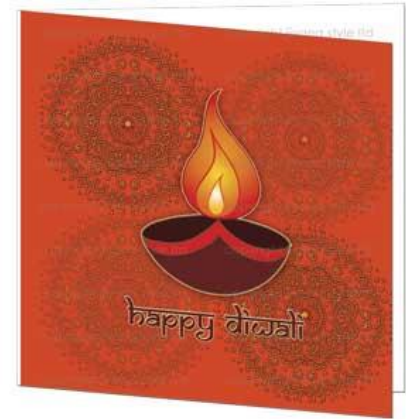
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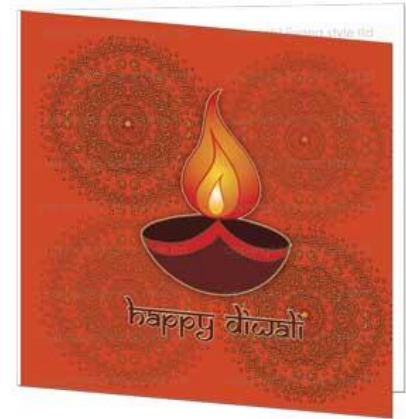




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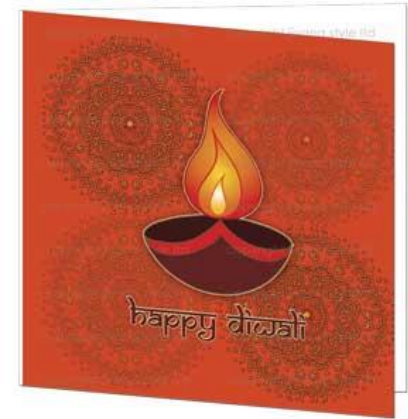
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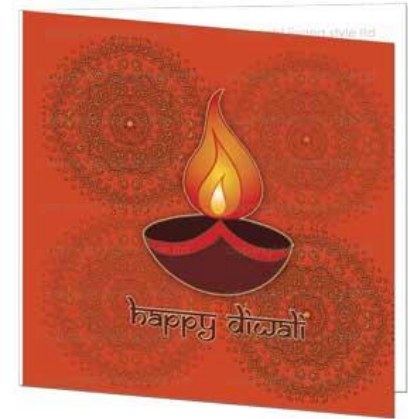




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Everyone prays for prosperity and good fortune in the days that lie ahead.



Most especially, small clay lamps (called divas) are lit.

We have been learning about the story of Rama and Sita. The story tells how good can triumph over evil.

It reminds us of the importance of friendship and loyalty, giving and sharing, goodness and happiness, hope and new beginnings. It shows how friendship can provide support through dark and difficult times and can help us to find our true destiny. Please enjoy the story on the following slides.

[Click here](#)



Lord Rama was a prince who married a beautiful princess, Sita. His father wanted Rama to become king, but his mother didn't agree. She wanted Rama's brother, Bharat, to have that honour.



Rama and Sita were told that they must leave the kingdom for 14 years. Another brother, Lakshman, went with them to live in the forest.



Eventually, the old king died. Knowing and honouring his father's wishes, Bharat went to a far-off forest where he found Rama and Lakshman and invited them to return as king and queen. But they had promised to stay away for 14 years and Rama insisted they must be true to their word.



So they stayed in the forest where, one day, an evil demon named Ravana captured Sita and carried her off to an island. Here he imprisoned her in his palace.



Rama and Lakshman searched for her. A bird told them where she was being held. With the help of Hanuman, the monkey general, Rama went to the castle where there was a huge battle. Eventually, Rama killed the demon king with a golden arrow and rescued Sita.



After 14 years, it was time for Rama to return home. Towards the end of their journey, the night was very dark, with no moon to light the path ahead. So to help King Rama and Queen Sita find their way, all their people placed small lamps outside their houses.

We really enjoyed acting out the story in our drama lesson this week in the woods at Barrow Hills!

Please [click here](#) for the weekly awards.

Well done everyone!

A TIME FOR SOME QUIET REFLECTION...



- **Where can you see good in the world today?**
- **Who or what will give you hope?**
- **Who are the friends that you can rely on?**

Please bow your heads:

Father in heaven you love me
You are with me night and day.
I want to love you always
In all I do and say.
I'll try to please you Father,
Bless me through the day.

Amen

Please join in and sing 'Shine, Jesus Shine.'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gr5Y63bDNNg>

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Peace
and
Prosperity
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