

DIWALI FESTIVAL THINGS-TO-DO



Tick off each activity once it's done! Have fun!

Listen to a Diwali story





Watch the fireworks!

Light lamps!!



Wear festive clothes



Decorate the house with flower garlands

Make a Rangoli



Wish your friends and family a Happy Diwali!

Eat lots of sweets





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Filled with fun videos, bits of information and activities, the festival kit is a great way to introduce your little one to another culture.



Use the festival kit to spark fun conversations with your little one, exploring all the same and different elements that they observe in the culture as compared to theirs.

Conversation Starters



What does your little one like about the way 'Diwali' is celebrated?
Which aspect seems the most fun?

How do you celebrate festivals at home?
What do they notice being similar and/or different?

Have they ever eaten laddoos before? Would they like to try it?

Raise kind kids

Exposing your little one to different cultures through stories, food, activities and people, encourages them to ask questions and make their own observations helping minimise their unconscious biases and stereotypes.

Same Same But Different

"Did you know both Diwali and Hanukkah are called Festival of Lights? We light diyas for Diwali and candles for Hanukkah."

" Just like the celebrations during Lunar New Year or Christmas, Diwali is about food, fun, friends and family."







DID YOU KNOW?



The word 'Diwali' comes from 'Deepavali' which means 'a row of lights.' During this festival, we light up our homes with lights and oil lamps.

It is a time of celebration with our friends and families. We buy new clothes, watch fireworks, visit each other's houses and distribute sweets and gifts.



Diwali Stories

- Some people believe that Diwali is the day that Lord Rama arrived in Ayodhya after defeating King Ravana. The people welcomed him home by lighting lamps.
- In another story, Diwali marks the day that Lord Krishna defeated the demon Narakasura and freed the people of his kingdom.
- Some people believe that Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth visits our homes during Diwali.

What is Rangoli?



Rangoli is a decoration drawn on the floor or the entrances of our homes. A rangoli can be made with flowers, coloured powders or even chalk. It brings good luck to our house and family and welcomes guests with love.

Fun Facts

- People clean their
 homes before Diwali
 every year to represent a
 new beginning or a fresh
 start.
- We eat all kinds of sweets or 'Mithai' in large quantities during Diwali.
- Diwali is celebrated all over the world by many different people.
- It's one festival but many different stories.
- People burst firecrackers in celebration and to send away evil spirits.
- Some families play cards for fun during Diwali.



