



Diwali

The word Diwali means rows of lighted lamps. It is the festival of lights because we decorate our houses with oil lamps called divas. It is celebrated all over the world. Diwali is a five day celebration.

Diwali celebrates the return of Ram and Sita, in the story from the Ramayan. The story teaches us how good wins over bad. In the story Prince Ram and his wife Sita were sent away to live in the forest from their home in Ayodhya, by his father the King. Ram's brother Lakshman went with them to stay there for 14 years. After many years Sita is taken by the ten headed Ravan. Ram had help from the monkey warrior, Hanuman and saved his wife. The people of Ayodhya lighted divas in rows to guide Ram and Sita back from the dark forest to home.

Before Diwali we clean our house and make yummy food. My favourite food is ghughra, it is like a sweet pastry. I also like the crispy puri. We make colourful rangoli patterns. We light loads of candles inside and outside our house so that God Lakshmi visits us.

On Diwali day we wake up early in the morning and dress up in nice clothes. We do divo and say our prayers. In the afternoon we visit our relatives and give each other gifts. We have a lovely dinner and do fireworks. It is so much fun.

The next day is our New Years day. On this day we wake up early and wear nice clothes, we say our prayers and go to the temple. We wish everyone Happy New Year by saying Sal-mu-barakh.

