

ASSEMBLY TOPIC

During today's Assembly we will be exploring...

Diwali

What is Diwali?



Diwali is a very important holiday in India.

The festival of Diwali is celebrated by both Sikhs and Hindus.

It is a Hindu 'festival of lights' which celebrates the New Year.

The word Diwali means 'row of lighted lamps'.



Celebrating Hindu Diwali

The festival usually honours **Lakshmi**, the goddess of wealth.

Lamps are lit to help Lakshmi find her way into people's homes.

They also celebrate a Diwali legend: the story of the return of **Rama** and **Sita** to Rama's kingdom after fourteen years of exile.



Lakshmi



Diya

Celebrating Hindu Diwali



spring cleaning;

decorating the home with lots of lights;

wearing new clothes;

exchanging gifts;

preparing festival meals;

putting on huge fireworks displays.



Celebrating Hindu Diwali

In India, Hindus leave the windows and doors of their houses open to welcome Lakshmi into their homes.

Rangoli is created on the floors of the house. These are bright, colourful patterns and the most popular subject is the lotus flower.





Think...


I want you to think for a
moment...

What does light symbolise
for you?



Do you know any
Diwali traditions?





Watch the clip on Diwali
celebrations today and
be ready to discuss this.



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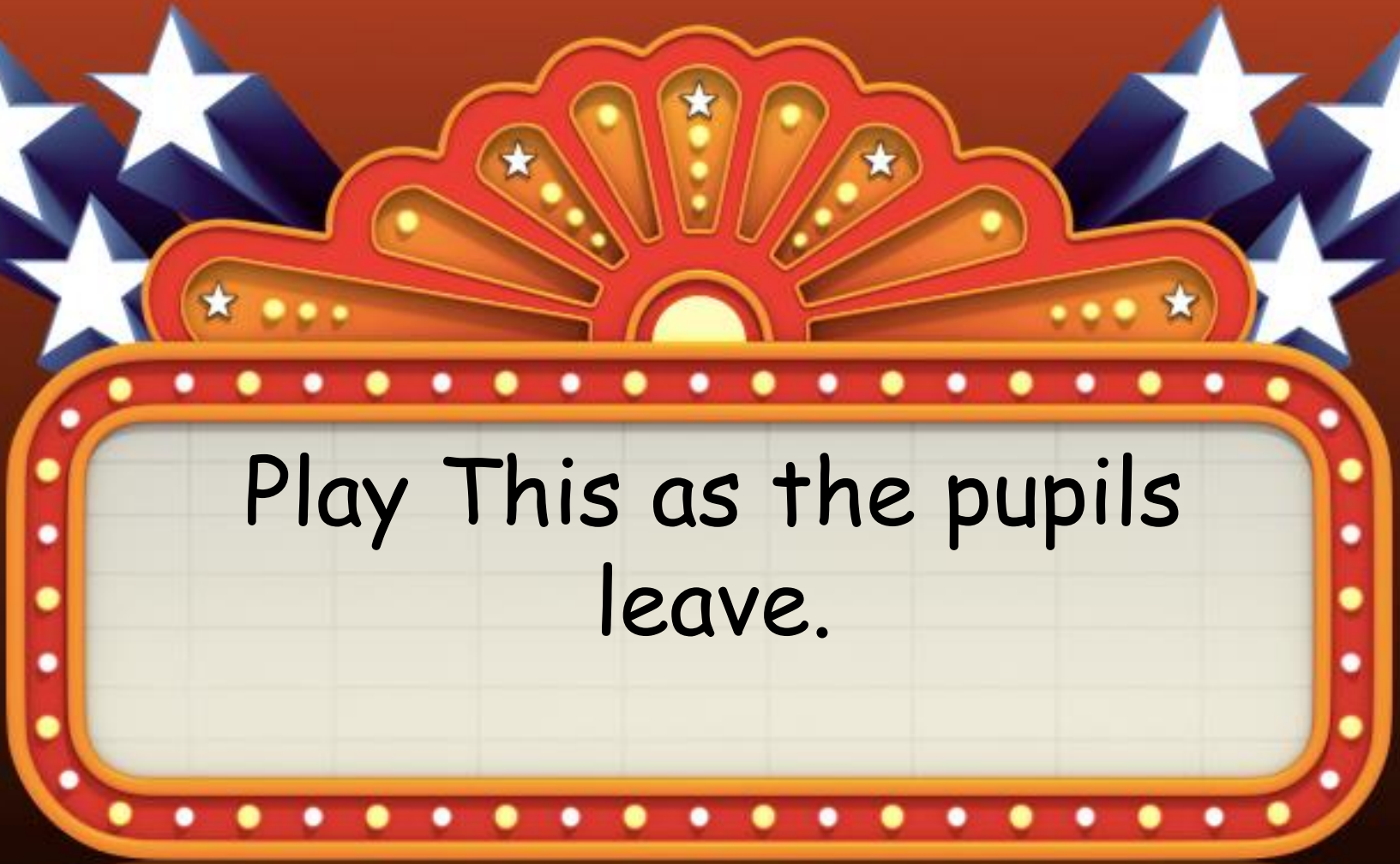
Depending on where they
are in the world, Hindus
have different customs
and traditions.

The main theme is
triumph of good over evil

Reflection

How can we all seek good
over evil?

What do we do each day
to show kindness to
others?



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