

Diwali

Diwali is an important Hindu holiday. The celebration takes place at the end of October or the beginning of November. People around the world celebrate the new year. Diwali is sometimes called "the festival of light" because oil lamps are used to light homes.

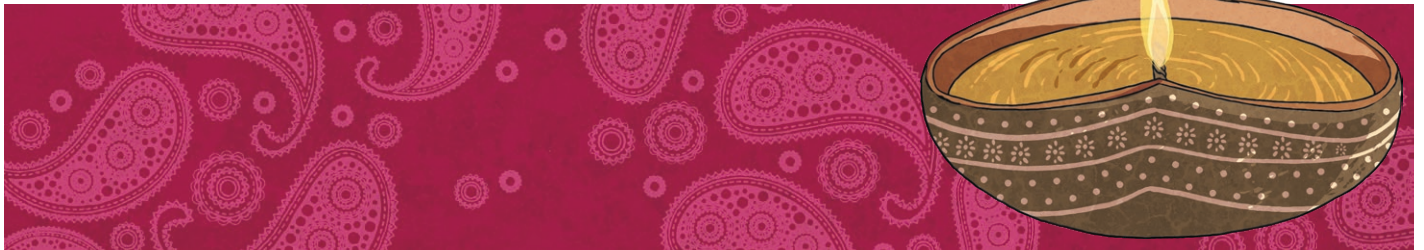
Day one is a time for cleaning and decorating. People tidy their homes and shops. They make them look festive.

On day two henna is painted on people's hands. People prepare food for the next day.

Day three is the main festival. People wear their best attire. Lamps are lit and prayers are said to Lakshmi, the goddess of good fortune. Hindus believe Lakshmi walks the Earth on Diwali night. People put lamps outside then open their doors and windows to welcome her inside. Family and friends visit each other, give gifts, and enjoy food together. Fireworks are set off.

On day four husbands and wives celebrate their love for each other.

On day five brothers and sisters pray for each other to show their love.



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