



Lutley
Primary School
Learning, Caring, Aiming High - Together

Year 2

Autumn Term

Janmashtami

Name of religion: Hinduism

Holy book: Gita

Name of people who study religion: Hindus

Place of worship: Mandir (Hindu Temple)



Shri Venkateswara,
Birmingham



Hindu festivals

Diwali —
Festival of Light



Janmashtami —
Festival celebrating
the birth of Krishna



Key knowledge for this unit

- Identify and name Janmashtami as an annual festival associated with Hinduism.
- Recognise that Janmashtami celebrates the birth of Krishna.
- Most Hindus believe Krishna is an avatar of the god Vishnu and is a representation of the Supreme God (Brahman)
- Hindus may celebrate Janmashtami by decorating the house and retelling the story of Krishna's birth.
- Hindus believe God sometimes comes into the world as an avatar to overcome evil and protect good.

Vocabulary you will use:

Word	Definition
Avatar	The appearance of a god as a human or animal in a bodily form that can be seen.
Janmashtami	Hindu festival celebrating the birth of Krishna.
Vishnu	One of the most important gods in Hinduism, often known as the 'preserver'.

Artefacts



Stories

The birth of Krishna

Quotes

The Bhagavad Gita
6:40

No one who does good work will ever come to a bad end, either here or in the world to come.

Questions we'll ask you throughout the unit to check your knowledge and understanding.

What religion celebrates Janmashtami?

What does Janmashtami mean?

Who is Krishna an avatar of?

Explain the ways Hindus may celebrate Janmashtami?

Why does God enter the world as an avatar?

Do you think God coming into the world to overcome evil and restore good is needed? Why do you think this?