

- The swastika literally means "to be good".
- Or another translation can be made: "swa" is "higher self", "asti" meaning "being", and "ka" as a suffix, so the translation can be interpreted as "being with higher self".



What else is this symbol associated with?

The swastika was adopted as a symbol of the Nazi Party of Germany in 1920, who used it as a symbol of the Aryan race.

What does this symbol mean?



DIWALI

What recently happened in the Hindu calendar?



Research task

- Having seen one Wonder of the world, you have to find out about the 6 other wonders. Your job is to create a PP or a Poster including:
 1. A title page
 2. Illustrate one wonder of the world on each page and give as much information as you can such as
 - a) Pictures and description
 - b) Where, when, who, why was it built
 - c) How many tourist visit it a year

What is Diwali?

- Diwali is a Hindu festival which lasts for 5 days.
- It is also celebrated by Sikhs.
- Diwali means “row of lighted lamps” and is often called the Festival of Lights.
- The festival celebrates good over evil; light over darkness.
- The Goddess of Wealth (Lakshmi) is honoured during Diwali which is also the Hindu New Year.
- Because there are many regions in India, Diwali is celebrated in many different ways and all over the World.
- Diwali is also used to celebrate a successful harvest.

What happens during Diwali?

- Wearing of new clothes
- Spring cleaning of houses
 - People have feasts

Decorating homes and buildings with fancy lights, candles and lamps (divas)





Firework Displays

Exchanging sweets and gifts



Drawing Rangoli patterns on floors

Rangoli patterns are drawn to welcome in visitors to people's homes. They are also thought to welcome the Goddess of Wealth.





Rangoli Pattern Art

- Today you are going to make your very own Rangoli patterns on paper using chalk...
- Lots of repeating patterns - so find a shape you like and repeat it over and over...
- Look at how colourful the Rangoli patterns are and use different colours on your piece...
- Keep to swirls and circles to make it look really authentic (special) 😊

Some of the ancient legends are re- enacted



The story of the demon Narakaasura

- This demon was an evil king. He ruled with a reign of terror, abducted 16,000 daughters of the gods, and stole the earrings of Aditi, mother of the gods.
- The gods asked Lord Krishna for help, and after a mighty battle he killed the demon, freed the girls, and recovered the earrings.
- After his victory Krishna returned very early in the morning and was bathed and massaged with scented oils. Taking an early morning bath with oil is still a Diwali tradition.

The story of Rama and Sita

- This is probably the most famous Diwali legend and many of the traditions practiced nowadays relate to the story.
- The demon Ravana had 10 arms and 10 heads and was a wicked King. He kidnapped Sita, the wife of Rama.
- Rama killed the demon and rescued his wife and returned to become King. The people lit rows of lamps to guide them home.

Research some more Hindu stories

- *The rebirth of Lakshmi.*
 - *Hindu creation story*
 - *Rama and Krishna*
 - *Shiva*
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- Produce a storyboard of the key events in your story.

What have you learned?

- What does Diwali mean?
- Who celebrates Diwali?
- What sorts of things do people do during Diwali?
- Can you think of any similar things you do at a special time of year?
- Can you make your very own Rangoli pattern?