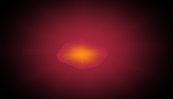


A vibrant firework exploding in shades of red, orange, and yellow against a black background. The firework has a bright yellow and orange core with numerous long, thin, curved trails radiating outwards. The trails are primarily red and orange, with some yellow and white streaks. The overall effect is a large, fan-like shape of light and color.

Holi

A Hindu Festival of colours

What do we know about Hinduism?



What is Holi?



- **Holi is a Hindu festival held in the spring celebrated mostly in India.**
- **It's a time when people remember when good triumphed over evil.**
- **Do we know any other Hindu festivals?**

The story of Holi

A long time ago, In India, there was a king called Hiranyakashup who had a son called Prahlad.

The king wanted everyone to think of him as God and to worship him. As Prahlad grew up he realised that this was not true and refused to worship his father. He worshipped Vishnu, a real God.





**Hiranyakashpu
was very angry
and punished his
son. However
Prahlad still
refused to
worship him and
so the king
decided that his
son must die.
The king tried
many different
ways to kill
Prahlad.**



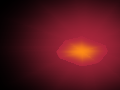


He was put in a pit full of snakes, he was beaten by soldiers and he was trampled by elephants, but each time he prayed to Vishnu and he was saved.



The king's sister, Holika, agreed to help the king. She was thought to have magical powers which made her fireproof. Holika took Prahlad to the top of a bonfire and the bonfire was lit. Holika expected Prahlad to die. Instead, it was Holika who died and again Prahlad was saved.





Prahlad felt sorry for Holika and promised to name the festival after her.

Every year, at the time of Holi, Hindus light bonfires to remind them of this time when good triumphed over evil.

How do Hindus celebrate Holi?

- **Last year's rubbish is burned so that people can make new beginnings.**



- **Festival processions and dancing take place.**



Hindus also celebrate another story about a boy called Krishna. He used to play tricks on maids like throwing paint at them.





- **People throw coloured water or paint at passers by.**
- **People are allowed to be rude to those they normally respect. For instance, pupils may throw things at teachers!!!**