



West End 
in Schools

CREATIVE CLASSROOM IDEAS

THE RAMAYANA:
THE DIWALI DANCE WORKSHOP



PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT

Whilst the workshops are entirely self-contained, making students familiar with the story of 'The Ramayana' before the workshop may help them to feel more confident in the sessions.

Our workshop leader will bring everything they need with them to the session. All we ask from schools is an empty hall and bundles of enthusiasm!

WHAT TO EXPECT!

Each workshop starts with some movement games, often involving steps later to be found in the set material. Children will then learn a dance, retelling The Ramayana from beginning to end through movement. Depending on age there is opportunity for movement suggestions, pair work and group work.

The workshops focus on the importance of imagination and storytelling. You can be anywhere in the world, in your school hall and wearing your school uniform, but with a little help from your imagination you can be transported to another place.

HOW TO USE THIS PACK

Before the workshop we suggest using the plot synopsis to familiarise yourself and your class with the story.

Please feel free to explore any and all of the suggested activities contained within this pack. The activities have been divided into sections based on activity type, rather than ability level, as many are adaptable for different ages.

We would love to hear about what your class get up to during and after your workshop to celebrate Diwali and learn about The Ramayana.

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DIWALI POSTER

Use the template below to create a colourful poster introducing different elements of the Diwali celebration. Include as much colour and decoration as you like!

DIWALI

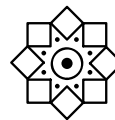
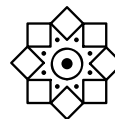
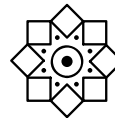
The word 'Diwali' means...

This year Diwali will be celebrated on...

This is what a Diya, or oil lamp, looks like...

These religions celebrate Diwali...

Some Diwali traditions are...



They are important because...