

Year 2 Autumn 1 – Hinduism

Key facts

- Krishna Janmashtami is an annual Hindu festival that celebrates the birth of Krishna.
- Krishna is believed to be born in the year 3228BC
- The festival is usually between August and September
- It is celebrated with dance and drama showing the life of Krishna.
- They fast all night and have a festival on the following day.
- People get together to burst a Handi (clay pot) full of Dahi (yoghurt) set at a height.
- They make a human tower to get to the pots.



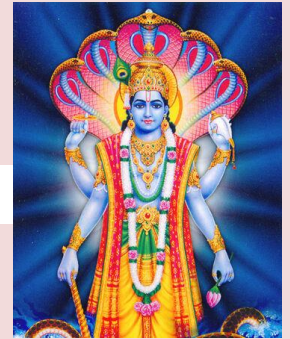
Krishn



Janmashtami
Tower

Dahi-Handi

Vishnu



Dancing
and Drama



Vocabulary

- Hindu
- Krishna
- Janmashtami
- Vishnu
- vigil
- festival
- month of Saravana
- temple
- bhajans (traditional songs)

We are thinking about:

What is Janmashtami and Dahi-handi?

How is it celebrated?

Why it is important to Hindus?

Is this similar to any other cultures you know?