

What is Holi

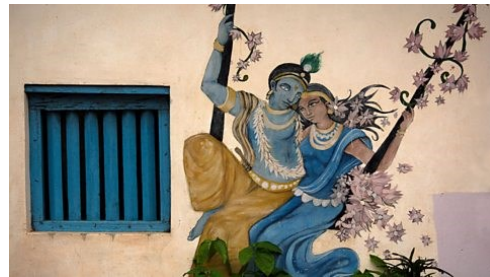
There are number of Legends in the Hindu tradition that have make Holi a special festival for the Hindu Tradition.

However in school we have learnt about Lord Krishna and the importance of love.

This explanation of the story can be found on BBC Bitesize.

The legend of Krishna

'The Hindu god Krishna was quite mischievous. He complained to his mother Yashoda that he didn't like his dark blue skin and wanted to be fairer, like the love of his life Radha.



Yashoda, who adored her son, suggested he paint Radha's face any colour he wanted, to make him feel better. So that's exactly what Krishna did. Krishna and Radha were still madly in love after he did this, so Radha clearly didn't mind Krishna's little practical joke.

Some people believe this is why, during Holi, everyone pelts each other with the perfumed gulal powder. It could also be why one of the names of Holi is the 'festival of love', as it is in part celebrating the love between Krishna and Radha (as well as emulating his prank).

Gulal powder comes in many colours and some are thought to signify specific things:

- red = love
- blue = Krishna
- yellow = turmeric (a spice used in lots of Indian food)
- green = spring

And together, they create a glorious rainbow, usually in parks and public spaces across the globe.'



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