

RE -Hinduism- Year 4 Autumn Term

Prior Learning:

Y2- Hinduism

Key Vocabulary

Brahman	The supreme God of Hinduism.
Diwali	The festival of light. A yearly festival in which Hindus celebrate the triumph of good over evil.
Diya	Small oil lamps lit during Diwali.
Hindu	A follower of Hinduism.
Mandir	A Hindu temple. Hindus go here to worship.
Reincarnation	The belief that after death, you are reborn into a different body.
Shrine	A holy place to pray.



Pujari

Are religious leaders in Hinduism. They will lead temple.

What do Hindus believe?

Hindus believe in the supreme God **Brahman**. Brahman is present everywhere and there is a part of Brahman in everyone. Brahman takes many forms. Especially three forms called the **Trimurti**.

- **Brahma** is the **creator** of the world and all creatures.
- **Vishnu** is the **preserver** of the world. His role is to return to the earth in troubled times and restore the balance of good and evil.
- **Shiva** is the **destroyer** of the universe. Shiva destroys the universe in order to re-create it.

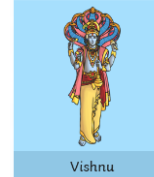
Hindus believe a soul cannot be destroyed, so when a Hindu dies, their soul enters a new living being. They also believe that the next life depends on how the previous life was lived.

Where do Hindus worship?

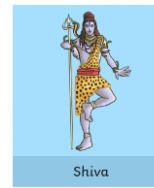
Hindus worship in a temple called a **Mandir**. Hindus also worship at home and often have a special room with a shrine to particular gods.



Brahma



Vishnu



Shiva

Rama and Sita

Rama (a prince) is married to a Sita. An evil king called Ravana kidnaps her. Rama goes to look for Sita and meets the monkey god Hanuman who offers to help. Hanuman gathers a monkey army who fight Ravana. Ravana is killed by Rama. Rama and Sita returned home and found that all of the villagers had lit lamps to guide them home. This is why Hindus light lamps on Diwali!



Diwali

Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights'. It is the celebration of good over evil and light over darkness. During Diwali, houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called 'diyas'.

People celebrate Diwali by:

- Spring-cleaning the home
- Wearing new clothes
- Exchanging gifts (often sweets and dried fruits) and preparing festive meals
- Decorating buildings with fancy lights
- Huge fireworks displays



Key Learning

Hindus believe in many gods. However, they believe the supreme God is called Brahman. Within Brahman there is Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

Hindus believe in reincarnation

Rama and Sita is the story which inspired Diwali. It is a story in which good triumphs over evil.

Diwali is known as the festival of light. People celebrate Diwali by lighting small oil lamps or 'divas'.

Can I answer:

- What do Hindus believe?
- What happens in the story of Rama and Sita?
- Why do Hindus celebrate Diwali?
- How do Hindus celebrate Diwali?