

# Summer 1 - Special things in nature

Year 1

## Vocabulary



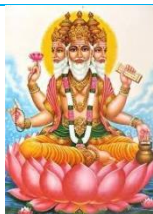
Forces of nature



Hinduism

The religion followed by Hindu people

Brahma



Islam

Islam is the religion followed by Muslim people

Prophet Muhammad

An important teacher of the Islamic religion hundreds of years ago.

Mount Hira

A place where the prophet would go to think.



Laylat al-Qadr

Also known as the Night of Power. This celebrates when the angel shared Allah's words with Muhammad.

## Quick Facts



Many religious people worship gods that look after the natural forces in the world. Natural forces are things that happen that are not caused by humans.

Hindus have many gods for the natural forces.

- Indra the sky god, seated on a white elephant is linked to thunder, lightning and rain.
- Surya, the sun god, is shown riding in his chariot across the sky.
- Agni the fire god, is usually shown riding on a ram.
- Varuna, the water god, is shown riding on a strange sea creature.
- Vayu the god of wind, is shown riding on a gazelle.

There are lots of stories told within the Hindu religion that try to answer questions about natural forces and why they happen. Many of these stories include Brahma who is known as the creator.

The Prophet Muhammad was an important teacher in the Islam religion hundreds of years ago. He often visited a cave on Mount Hira near to where he lived, so that he could spend time thinking.

One day he was visited by an angel who told him god's words. These words were then written down to form the Islamic holy book. This is celebrated during Laylat al-Qadr.

Muslim people believe that the god Allah created the natural world. There are lots of Muslim stories about being kind to animals.