

RWV

Who is a Hindu and how do they live?

Year 2

Spring 1

Key Knowledge

Hinduism is one of the oldest religions in the world.

Most Hindus believe in one supreme being called Brahman. They believe that there are different parts to Brahman, shown in different gods and goddesses.

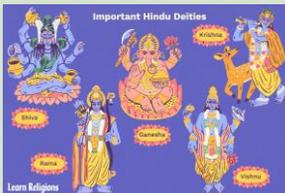
Puja is the name for Hindu worship. Puja can take place in the home or in the Mandir. At a mandir, there are shrines for different Hindu gods and goddesses. Shrines are usually decorated with fruit, flowers and incense. People take off their shoes and wash their hands when they enter a mandir.

Hindu services are led by a Brahmin priest. When they reach the shrine, Hindus ring a bell as a symbol of waking the deity. People sing songs or say prayers called mantras. Passages are read from Hindu religious books.

Many Hindus have a shrine for worship at home. The use of all five senses is central to Hindu puja and shows that the whole person (not just a part) is involved in worshipping God

Many different Hindu festivals involve different deities – such as Diwali (Goddess Lakshmi), Holi (Lord Krishna)

Key images



Enfield SACRE Statutory requirements

- A1 - Recall and name different beliefs and practices, including festivals, worship, rituals and ways of life, in order to find out about the meanings behind them
- A2 – Retell and suggest meanings to some religious and moral stories, exploring and discussing sacred writings and sources of wisdom and recognising the traditions from which they come.
- B1 - Ask and respond to questions about what individuals and communities do, and why, so that pupils can identify what difference belonging to a community might make.
- C1 – Explore questions about belonging, meaning and truth so that they can express their own ideas and opinions in response using words, music, art or poetry

Prior learning

- During EYFS and KS1, children will have had some experience of Hindu festivals and stories.
- In year 2, they will have learnt some information about Diwali.

Key vocabulary

Spelling

Definition

Hindu

A person who follows the religion of Hinduism.

Murti

the image of a God or Goddess used as a focus of worship.

Deity

a supernatural being, like a god or goddess, that is worshipped by people.

Mandir

The Hindu place of worship.

Brahmin priest

The person who leads Hindu services and worship.

Puja

Hindu act of worship.

Shrine

A holy or sacred place with something important inside it.

Possible experiences

A visit or virtual tour of a Mandir

Creating a shrine in the classroom to observe

Invite a Hindu visitor in to demonstrate the Arti

Possible deeper thinking questions

Why do you think there are so many deities?

Which deity would you pray to?

Why is it important to respect deities?