

Key Vocabulary

Hindu	Someone who follows Hinduism.
Vishnu	Hindu god who protects the universe.
Brahma	Hindu god of creation.
Trimurti	The three aspects of the universal supreme God.
Tridevi	The three great goddesses of Hinduism.
Brahman	Hindus recognise one God, Brahman .

Special Places for Hindus

Hindus can worship at home or in a **mandir**.
In a **mandir**, **Hindus** can perform **puja**.

In a **mandir**, there are **shrines** and lots of **muris** for different gods. Offerings of flowers are brought to the **muris**.

Hindu gods

Hindus recognise one God, **Brahman**. The gods of Hinduism are different aspects of **Brahman**.

The main three aspects (**Trimurti**) are:

Vishnu, **Brahma** and Shiva

The three great goddesses (**Tridevi**) are:

Saraswati, Lakshmi and Shakti

Hindus can pray to different gods and goddesses for help with different needs.

Hinduism is the oldest of the world's religions. It is now practised all over the world but originated in South East Asia. It is a mix of different beliefs, cultures and traditions dating back over 4000 years.



Key Questions

- ◆ Can you name some Hindu symbols?
- ◆ Which Hindu deities can you name? What do they suggest God is like?
- ◆ What is a puja and how is it used?
- ◆ What do you know about the festival of Diwali? Can you retell the story of Rama and Sita?
- ◆ All living beings possess a 'spark' of Brahman– what does this mean?

Key Vocabulary	
mandir	A special place for Hindus to worship.
puja	Act of worship for Hindus .
murtis	Special statues or images of Hindu gods and goddesses.
shrine	A holy place to pray.
Aum/Om	ॐ The most important symbol for Hindus .
rangoli	Patterns drawn on the floor with rice, sand or chalk, by the door to welcome visitors during Diwali.
Diwali	Festival of lights celebrated on Monday 24th October 2022.



Diwali is the 'festival of lights' and is celebrated in late autumn. Diwali celebrates good's victory over evil with lots of lights around homes. Fireworks, presents and new clothes are used to celebrate.



 Hindu Lady Praying	 Lotus Flower	 Hindu Swastika	 Aum	 diya lamp
 Kalasha	 Trishul	 Indian Cow	 Pranama	 Conch Shell