

Year 3 – Hinduism in Britain



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.
Shruti	Hindu holy scriptures which contain the four Vedas .
Smriti	Hindu holy scriptures which contain legends, myths and history.
Vedas	Ancient Hindu text.
reincarnation	Rebirth; being born again to live another life.
Diya lamp	A lamp with a flame that is used during worship.
Deities	Hindu gods and goddesses.
Aarti	A light, which removes darkness.
Bhajans	Hindu worship songs.
Brahman	Hindus recognise one God, Brahman .

Did you know?

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.



Hinduism facts and knowledge

- **Hindus** can worship at home or in a **mandir**.
- In a **mandir**, **Hindus** can perform **puja**.
- Some **mandirs** are very tall buildings. **Hindus** believe it brings them closer to heaven.
- In a **mandir**, there are **shrines** and lots of **murtis** for different gods. Offerings of flowers are brought to the **murtis**.
- 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.