










Learning Organiser Year 3/4


















What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain Today?

Knowledge Summary

- Aum is a symbol and sound used to represent Brahman (God).
- Brahman is the ultimate being whose spirit is in everything.
- Murtis (pictures) of different deities help to represent the various aspects or characteristics of Brahman.
- Shiva (preservation), Vishnu (destruction) and Brahma (creation) are the trimurti and most important deities.
- Hindus worship at home and the mandir with a puja tray which has a bell, flowers, diva lamp, water in a pot, spoon, murti and sweets or sugar on it to represent different aspects of worship.
- The Hindu dharma are 10 duties that are followed to live a good life.
- Diwali is the story of Rama & Sita being banished and overcoming evil to return home safely. It is remembered today as good overcoming evil and is celebrated with fireworks, food and new clothes.
- Namaste is a greeting of respect to show atman, the spark of Brahman, is in every living thing.
- Today, Hindu life is a part of British culture as it has become integral to our society and we recognise it as a part of our culturally diverse nation.

Symbol	Vocabulary	Definition / Knowledge
	Aum / Om	The first sound of the universe. A symbol to represent Brahman
	Brahman	The ultimate being whose spirit is in everything.
	Svetaketu	God is invisible but is there in everything.
	deities	Powerful gods or goddesses who control events or the nature of things.
	murtis	Pictures or statues of different aspects of God (Brahman).
	Shiva	The godly aspect of destruction.
	Vishnu	The godly aspect of preservation.

	Brahma	The godly aspect of creation.
	Lakshmi	The godly aspect of wealth and fortune.
	Parvati	The mother goddess symbolising fertility and creativity.
	Saraswati	The godly aspect of knowledge, music, art and wisdom.
	Dharma	The complete way of life for a Hindu.
	Trimurti	The three most important aspects of Brahman - Brahma (creation), Vishnu (preservation) and Shiva (destruction)
	Ganesh	Lord of beginnings and remover of obstacles.
	Puja	Worship
	Divya lamp	For aarti - symbolises the worship that removes darkness.
	aarti	The ritual of the ceremony of the lights performed after finishing prayers.
	mandir	The place of worship as a community for Hindus - a temple
	bhajan	Hindu songs or hymns.
	Diwali	A celebration remembering the story of Rama and Sita when good overcomes evil.
	Namaste	A greeting of respect recognising the 'spark of Brahman in everything.'
	atman	The spark of Brahman.

The Big Questions - Learning Sequence

How do Hindus celebrate Diwali?

How do Hindus show their faith at home?

How do Hindus show their faith when they're together?

What is it like to be a Hindu in Britain today?