

Key vocabulary

Hindu	A Hindu is a person who believes in Hinduism (an Indian religion) and follows its teachings.	Dharma	In Hinduism, dharma is the spiritual law.
Aum	A symbol used in Hinduism. The very first sound out of which the universe was created.	Sanatan dharma	The 'eternal' or absolute set of duties.
Brahm	The name of the ultimate God for Hindus.	Aarti	Light, which removes darkness (ratri).
Murtis	General term used for image in Hinduism.	Bhajans	Hindu worship songs.
Deities	A representation of Brahm.	Holi	Hindu festival which welcomes Spring.
Trimurti	3 forms: Brahma is the creator, Vishnu is the preserver and Shiva is the destroyer.	Diya lamp	A lamp with a flame, which is used during worship.
Diwali	Hindu festival which is the Hindu festival of light.	Puja	Worship ritual.
Mandir	Hindu temple.	Navaratri	Hindu festival which welcomes Autumn.

Final outcome

Pupils will lead an assembly to showcase what they have learned about being a Hindu in Britain today with a focus on how Hindus show their faith within their families and communities. The assembly will include information about Diwali and how it is celebrated.

Sequence of learning

What do Hindus do to show their faith at home?
 How do Hindus show their faith when they're together?
 How do Hindus celebrate Diwali today?
 What is it like to be a Hindu in Britain today?



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



Important facts

Dharma describes a Hindu's whole way of life.
 Hindus share their faith within their families by doing daily puja, visiting the temple.
 Hindu families participate in family rituals which include daily puja and visiting the temple.
 Hindus celebrate a festival called Diwali. It is known as 'The festival of light'. The story of Rama and Sita is an important Hindu story linked to Diwali.
 Other Hindu celebrations include Holi and Navaratri.
 Worship and rituals are very important within Hindu family and community life.



Key skills

<p>Text</p>	<p>Describe how Hindus show their faith within their families in Britain today. Describe how Hindus show their faith within their faith communities in Britain today. Identify some different ways in which Hindus show their faith.</p>
<p>Impact</p>	<p>Identify the terms dharma, Sandaran Dharma and Hinduism and say what they mean. Make links between Hindu practices and the idea that Hinduism is a whole 'way of life' (dharma).</p>
<p>Connections</p>	<p>Raise questions and suggest answers about what is good about being a Hindu in Britain today, and whether taking part in family and community rituals is a good thing for individuals and society, giving good reasons for ideas.</p>