

How is Hindu belief expressed personally and collectively?

How does Hindu worship and celebration build a sense of community?

Strand: LAS Compulsory Hinduism
Community -Living

Prior Knowledge: In Year 3, children will have learnt the concepts and beliefs of Hinduism in which they will explore the concepts of dharma (duty) and Karma (good actions/bad action) and how this affects Samsara (circle of life) and moksha (free from the cycle of samsara).

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Vocabulary

Hindu	Brahman	Brahma	Vishnu	Shiva	Trimurti
Someone who follows Hinduism. 	 Hindus recognise one God, Brahman. The gods of Hinduism are different aspects of Brahman. Brahman is the foundation of all life.	Hindu god of creation. 	Hindu god who protects the universe. 	Shiva is known as "The Destroyer."  Shiva's role is to destroy the universe in order to re-create it	The three aspects of the universal supreme God. 

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.

Dharma	Dharma means to do the right thing with good behaviour.
Reincarnation	Hindus believe a soul cannot be destroyed, so when a Hindu dies, their soul enters a new living being.
Moksha	Moksha is the ultimate goal. It happens when a soul stops being reincarnated and is reunited with Brahman
Samsara	Samsara means going through the cycle of repeated births and deaths (reincarnation). Hindus believe that existence of this cycle is governed by Karma.
atman	Hindus believe that there is a part of Brahman in everyone and this is called the Atman .
Diwali	Diwali is the five-day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus across the world. Diwali also coincides with harvest and new year celebrations and is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness.
Raksha Bandhan	The festival of Raksha Bandhan honours the sacred bond between brothers and sisters who make promises of protection and love on this day

Shrine at home Most Hindus have a small **shrine** in their home where they can worship daily. This worship is called 'Puja'.



The **shrine** is the sacred centre of the **mandir**.

Shrine in a Mandir

