



Our Learning Keys

Unit 2.7 How is faith expressed in Hindu communities and traditions?

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Year 4

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Questions

- What matters most about Diwali?
- How do Hindus show their faith in their communities today?
- What are the benefits of sharing in worship and rituals in a family or community?
- What similarities can we find to other faith's values and rituals?

Vocabulary

dharma	a whole way of life
Sanatan Dharma	'Eternal Way' - what Hindus often call Hinduism
ritual	a religious ceremony where actions are performed in a set order
puja	the act of Hindu worship
bhajan	a devotional song
murti	an image or statue of a deity (God) or mortal
prashad	a religious offering (usually food)
arti	a ritual part of worship where lighted lamps are waved before a murti
Aum	the most important Hindu symbol - symbolises the centre of the universe

Images



Aum



Facts

- Hinduism is a European word used to describe a diverse religious tradition that started in Northern India.
- People within the Hindu tradition often call Hinduism 'Sanatan Dharma' (meaning Eternal Way).
- There are over 800,000 Hindus in the UK, and more than 1 billion worldwide.
- One of the most famous Hindu sacred text is the 'Bhagavad Gita' ('The Song from God').
- Hindus use *murtis* in their worship, both at home and in the temple.
- Key Hindu Gods include *Brahma* (the creator), *Vishnu* (the protector of the universe), *Lakshmi* (the Goddess of wealth, fortune, power and beauty), *Shiva* (the destroyer), *Ganesha* (the God of art, science and wisdom - he has the head of an elephant) and *Krishna* (the God of love and compassion).
- Key Hindu festivals include Diwali, Holi, Navarati and Durga Puja.
- Hindus will normally do *puja* every day.
- Hindus often make offerings to the Gods by leaving food or similar in front of a murti.

Previously...

In Year 2, we learnt about Diwali. We have also learnt about another faith from India, Sikhism.

Unit 2.6

How is faith expressed in Hindu traditions?

Next...

In Year 5 or 6, we will learn about what inspires Hindu people as they try to be good.

Links

- Literacy: What is the meaning of the words in prayers?
- Art: How is faith expressed in Art, music and clothing?
- Geography: Where in the world did the Hindu faith begin? Where do its followers live now?
- PSHE: What does it mean to be part of a community?
- MFL: What do some of the words used in Hinduism mean and where do they come from?

Doors this will open...

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