

Prior knowledge – our past RE knowledge that will support learning during this enquiry.

In Foundation Stage, children learn about Diwali and the celebration of light. Throughout Key Stage One and Year 3, children learn about Christianity and Islam and the way in which Christians and Muslims live in Britain today. This prepares them to learn about what it is like to be Hindu in Britain. Children have previously learnt about Hindu beliefs in God.

Shrines to Hindu Gods



A Banyan tree represents
Sanatana Dharma



Brahman



RE

Term: Spring 2

Year: Unit 3 - Year 3 & 4

Duration: 6 Weeks

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

The Powerful Knowledge we will take away from this Learning Enquiry (what children will be learning):

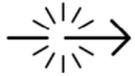
Making sense of beliefs



Discuss how Hindus show their faith within their families in Britain today (home puja). Describe how Hindus show their faith within their faith communities in Britain today (arti and bhajans at the mandir; in festivals such as Diwali).

Identify some different ways in which Hindus show their faith (between different communities in Britain, or between different ways in which Hindus show their faith between Britain and parts of India).

Understanding the impact



Hindus worship God in many ways, including visiting the Temple, and worshipping at shrines they create in their own homes. Links will be made between Hindu practices and the idea that Hinduism is a whole 'way of life' (dharma). The terms dharma, Sanatan Dharma and Hinduism will be discussed and what they mean to a member of the Hindu Community.

Making connections



Connecting

Discuss, 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 their ideas.



In the UK, Hinduism is the third largest religion (after Christianity and Islam). There are about 806,000 Hindus living in the UK today. Hinduism is the largest religion in India.

Key Vocabulary	
Hindu	A person who is a believer of Hinduism.
Dharma	Hindus believe that Dharma is the rightful, eternal way to live.
Diwali	The Hindu celebration of Light, celebrating the story of Rama and Sita.
Puja	The worship celebration that Hindus perform daily to worship deities.
Brahman	The ultimate, unchanging reality of the universe.
Murti	An image or statue representing a deity.
Mandir	A Hindu temple.
Community	A group of people who have characteristics in common.
Deity	A manifestation and aspect of Brahman. Different deities have different aspects that Hindus worship.
Worship	The act of showing reverence to a deity.

Diwali in London



A Mandir is a Hindu temple