

**Unit of work:**

How do Hindus view God and celebrate Diwali?

Year group:

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Prior learning:

This is the first time children are specifically taught Hinduism in primary school.

Knowledge/skills**How do Hindus view God?**

Contrary to popular understanding, Hindus recognise one God, **Brahman**, the eternal origin who is the cause and foundation of all existence.

The gods of the Hindu faith represent different expressions of Brahman.

Different Hindu communities may have their own divinities whom they worship, but these are simply different ways of approaching the Ultimate.

What is the Trimurti?

Hindus recognise three principal gods. There are called the Trimurti:

- Brahma, who creates the universe
- Vishnu, who preserves the universe
- Shiva, who destroys the universe.

What is Diwali?

Diwali is the five-day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world.

Diwali, which for some also coincides with harvest and new year celebrations, is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness.

What is the Bhagavad Gita?

The **Bhagavad Gita** is one of the holy books of Hinduism. It was written thousands of years ago. It has teachings said to be given by Lord Krishna (an incarnation whom many Hindus believe to be the god Vishnu in human form.)

RE Skills to develop

- I can recall and name different beliefs and practices, including festivals, worship, rituals and ways of life, and find out about the meanings behind them.
- I can give thoughtful responses using different forms of expression.
- I can consider an aspect of a religion and show differences and similarities to other religions or worldviews.

Vocabulary and definitions

Word	Definition
5 Fingers	Hinduism, Hindu, Vedas, Sanskrit, Temple / Mandir.
Brahman	The concept of God in Hinduism – infinite with no beginning and no end.
Aum	Most sacred Hindu symbol – like calling God's name. Usually related to Shiva.
Trimurti	The three aspects of God in His forms as Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. Also known as the Hindu Trinity.
Brahma	The Creator
Vishnu	The Preserver or Sustainer
Shiva	The Destroyer

Significant people

Trimurti – Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva

**Artefacts and symbols**