

Meadows First School Knowledge Organiser

RE - Worcestershire Syllabus 2020

Year 4 - What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?



Knowledge / Skills:

Understand the impact:

- Describe how Hindus show their faith within their families in Britain today (e.g. home puja)
- Describe how Hindus show their faith within their faith communities in Britain today (e.g. arti and bhajans at the mandir; in festivals such as Diwali)
- Identify some different ways in which Hindus show their faith (e.g. between different communities in Britain, or between Britain and parts of India)

Make sense of belief:

- Identify the terms dharma, Sanatan 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)

Make connections:

• 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.

What should I already know?

- Hindus believe in deities
- Hindus celebrate Diwali 'the festival of lights'
- Most Hindus believe in reincarnation (when the soul returns to the physical realm after a person dies)

Key Vocabulary:	
Anum	The most sacred symbol in Hinduism.
Bhajans	Religious songs.
Diwali	One of the India's biggest festivals. It is a festival of lights and every Indian celebrates it with joy.
Holi	The festival is celebrated for two to three days. People pour colored water on each other and cook many types of sweets and other food. Holi is celebrated in the spring season because it is welcoming spring.
Lakshmi	Lakshmi is the goddess of money and good luck.
Mandir	A place where Hindus go to worship God in the form of various deities.
Murtis	Statues of deities and inspire the faithful to worship. They are the centre of a daily worship.
Puja	It is a prayer service ritual performed by Hindus.
Rama	Rama is the Avatar of Vishnu in Hinduism. He was a king of ancient India.
Sanatan Dharma	A set of duties or religiously practices for all Hindus.
Sita	Sita was the daughter of Janaka and wife of Rama, an avatar of god Vishnu.
Vishnu	Vishnu is the preserver god, which means he protects the Earth.

Key Knowledge/ Questions

What is the sacred symbol of Hinduism? What is puja?

Can you name any of the items you would find on a puja tray? Can you explain what dharma means?