

R,E Knowledge Organiser Hinduism

Vocabulary

Hinduism - one of the world's oldest religions, beginning in India over 4000 years ago

India - a large country in South Asia with the largest population on Earth

Mandir - a special place where Hindus go to pray, meditate and show respect to God

Temple - a special building where people go to pray, meet with others and celebrate what they believe

Goddess - a powerful, female divine being

Deity - a god or goddess

Shrine - a small, sacred place dedicated to a specific holy person or deity

Diwali - the biggest holiday of the year for Hindus - the five day 'Festival of Light'

Holi - a Hindu festival celebrating the arrival of spring. The 'festival of colours'

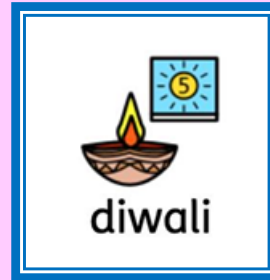
Brahma - the god known as the Creator of the entire universe in Hinduism

Rama & Sita - the hero and heroine of a very famous Hindu story

Vegetarian - someone who chooses not to eat meat

Rangoli - a beautiful and colourful type of art from India that people create near the entrance of their homes

Puja - a special prayer ritual used to show love, respect and honour to God



Diwali

Before Diwali people will clean and decorate their houses and temples. They use lots of candles and oil lamps to bring light.

Special things people may do during Diwali:

- have feasts and give gifts
- wash themselves with special oil
- say a special prayer called Puja



god/goddess

Someone or something who people believe is more powerful than human beings. Different people believe in different gods and goddesses. Some religions believe in one God and others believe in many gods.

Hindus have more than one special book. Some of these are called the Vedas. • The main Hindu god is called Brahman. • Hindus believe: Brahman is everywhere at the same time, he has unlimited power and there is a bit of Brahman in everyone • Hindus believe there are also other, less powerful gods and goddesses who have different roles. For example, a god of compassion and love and a goddess of learning.

