

What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today?

Key Vocabulary

Dharma	A Hindu's whole way of life
Diwali	A Hindu festival of light
karma	Good or bad actions influence your next life
Mandir	A Hindu place of worship
Puja	An act of worship
moksha	The ultimate goal, the end of the reincarnation cycle

Key Knowledge

There was a great warrior, Prince Rama, who had a beautiful wife named Sita. There was also a terrible demon king, Ravana. He had twenty arms and ten heads, and was feared throughout the land. He wanted to make Sita his wife, and one day he kidnapped her and took her away in his chariot. Clever Sita, left a trail of her jewellery for Rama to follow. Rama followed the trail of glittering jewellery until he met the monkey king, Hanuman, who became his friend and agreed to help find Sita. Messages were sent to all the monkeys in the world, and through them to all the bears, who set out to find Sita. After a search, Hanuman found Sita imprisoned on an island. Rama's army of monkeys and bears couldn't reach the island, so they began to build a bridge. Soon all the animals of the world, large and small, came to help. When the bridge was built, they rushed across it and fought a mighty battle. When Rama killed the evil Ravana with a magic arrow, the whole world rejoiced. Rama and Sita began their long journey back to their land, and everybody lit oil lamps to guide them on their way, and welcome them back. Ever since, people light lamps at Diwali to remember that light triumphs over dark and good triumphs over evil.



Deities



Diwali lamps

Key Questions

How do Hindus show their faith at home?

What is it like to be a Hindu in Britain today?

How and when is Diwali celebrated?

Where do Hindus worship?

Do Hindus show their faith when they are together?

Links to other Learning

- EYFS- Being special: where do we belong?
- Year 2- What does it mean to belong to a faith community?
- Year 3 - What do Hindus believe God is like?
- Year 5- Why do Hindus try to be good?

Place of worship

Mandir



A Hindu place of worship is called a **mandir**, but the majority of Hindus have a **shrine** at home where they perform personal and family worship