



Subject Theme Overview **Year 4** **Charlton Kings Junior School**

Subject R.E. **Theme** What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today? **Term** 3

What should I already know?

- Brahman (God) is the ultimate being for Hindus. Brahman appears in many different forms and his spirit is in everything.
- Deities express different qualities of Brahman.
- Hindus may worship at home.

What should I know by the end of the unit?

Make sense of beliefs:

- 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).

Understand the impact:

- 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*).

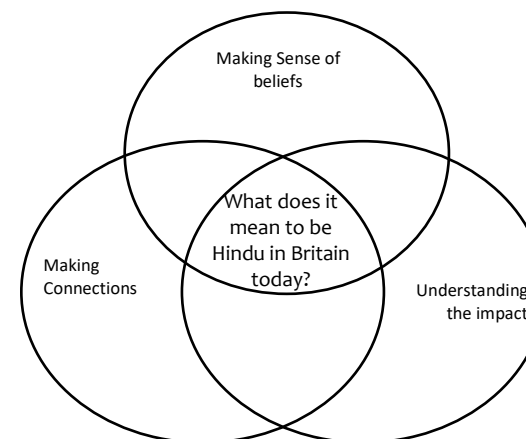
Make connections

- 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 will I learn about?

- How Hindus show their faith at home. For example: a family shrine, puja tray.
- How Hindus show faith through the week, looking at actions and objects.
- How Hindus show their tradition within faith communities such as visiting the *mandir*, prayer and praise.
- Diwali and how it is celebrated in Britain today.
- Holi - a festival that celebrates spring, love, and new life.
- The significance of family and community rituals in society.

How do these ideas work together?



Key Vocabulary	
Deities	Gods
Murti	Statues of Gods and Goddesses
Brahman	God, the ultimate being. The God of Creation who appears in many different forms. Hindus believe that there is a part of Brahman in everything.
Dharma	The duties a Hindu should follow in their life.
Diwali	Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights. It celebrates the triumph of light over dark and good over evil.
Holi	A festival that celebrates spring, love, and new life
Mandir	A temple – a centre for the community and worship.
Puja	Worship of gods and goddesses. Puja is usually performed every day and can take place either in the home or <i>mandir</i> .