

Vocabulary

Murti	A statue depicting a Hindu God
Aum (Om)	The Hindu religious symbol.
Brahma	The God of creation - one of the three most important Gods
Shrine	A holy place to pray.
Puja	A Hindu form of worship.
Deity	A God or Goddess
Atman	The 'soul' or 'spirit' of a person
Ramayana	The epic story of Rama and Sita that teaches Hindu life lessons
Vishnu	The preserver - one of the three most important Gods
Shiva	The God of destruction- one of the three most important Gods

Information that will help me:

Hinduism is the oldest of the world's religions. It is now practised all over the world but originated in South East Asia. Hindus recognise one God, Brahman. The gods of Hinduism are different aspects of Brahman.



By the end of this Unit I will be able to

- Identify some Hindu deities and say how they help Hindus describe God.
- Make clear links between some stories and what Hindus believe about God.
- Offer informed suggestions about what Hindi murtis express about God.
- Makes simple links between beliefs about God and how Hindus live
- Identify some different ways in which Hindus worship
- Raise questions and suggest answers about whether it is good to think about the cycle/preserve/destroy in the world today
- Make links between the Hindu idea of everyone having a 'spark' of God in them and ideas about the value of people in the world today.

Information that will help me:

The festival of Diwali:

- Diwali is the 'festival of lights' and is celebrated in late autumn. Diwali celebrates good's victory over evil with lots of lights around homes. Fire- works, presents and new clothes are used to celebrate.
- Diwali originates from the story of Rama and Sita.



Hindu worship:

- Hindus worship one or more of the deities, but it doesn't matter which because they are all seen as different aspects of the one supreme God. This worship is called Puja.

Puja involves:

- praying to an image of a deity (murti)
- giving offerings to the deity.
- Offerings such as fruit, incense, water and flowers are made.

