




Part 2: Investigation

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Refer back to your Knowledge Organiser

RE Knowledge Organiser—Hinduism

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Worship—Puja

Hindus can worship at home or in a **mandir**. Puja involves prayers (**mantras**) to an image of a deity (**murti**) and giving offerings to deities.

In a Hindu home there may be a shrine which contains a **puja tray** that holds seven items.

The items help to use all the senses when

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is take

Diwali

It is known as the '**festival of lights**' and celebrates the new year. Diwali is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil celebrated in late autumn.

Rama + Sita

Prince Rama and his wife Sita were banished from their home. After many years, Sita was kidnapped by **Ravana** (ten-headed demon). With the help of **Hanuman**, Rama rescued his wife. They returned to their home guided by rows of **divas** (lighted lamps). On their return Rama was crowned king.

Lakshmi

The festival also honours Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth. Diva lamps help her to find a way into people's homes so she can bring them prosperity.

How is it celebrated?

During Diwali Hindus will:

- Decorate their homes and mandirs with lights, diva lamps and Rangoli patterns
- Spring clean their homes for the new year
- Wear new clothes
- Enjoy firework displays
- Exchange presents such as candles and mithai (sweets)

Pilgrimage to River Ganges

The most famous Hindu **pilgrimage** takes place at the **River Ganges** in India. Hindus believe Brahman is in everything and is in this special river.

What do they do there?

Up to 40 million people come to purify themselves in the water, the biggest gathering of people on Earth. They bathe in the waters of the Ganges on the banks of the city of Varanasi. They believe the water washes away the wrong things they have done and they will be pure.

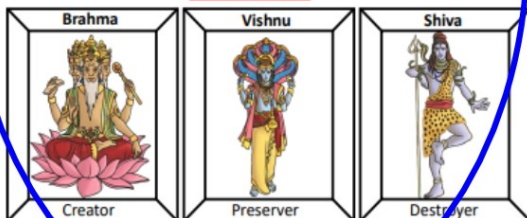
People are baptised in the river.

The ashes of people who have died are poured into the river. They believe they are taking their relatives to be as close to Brahman as possible. They are returning them to the river like the circle of life carrying on while the river flows.

Divas



River Ganges




We will be looking at this section

RECALL

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Christians believe that God created the world.



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Omnipresent



*Omnipresent -
an example to help explain*

*If we add a teaspoon of salt
to a glass of water, what
happens?*

*The salt dissolves. It cannot
be seen and it cannot be
removed, but it is still there.*



*The water represents
the world*

*The salt represents
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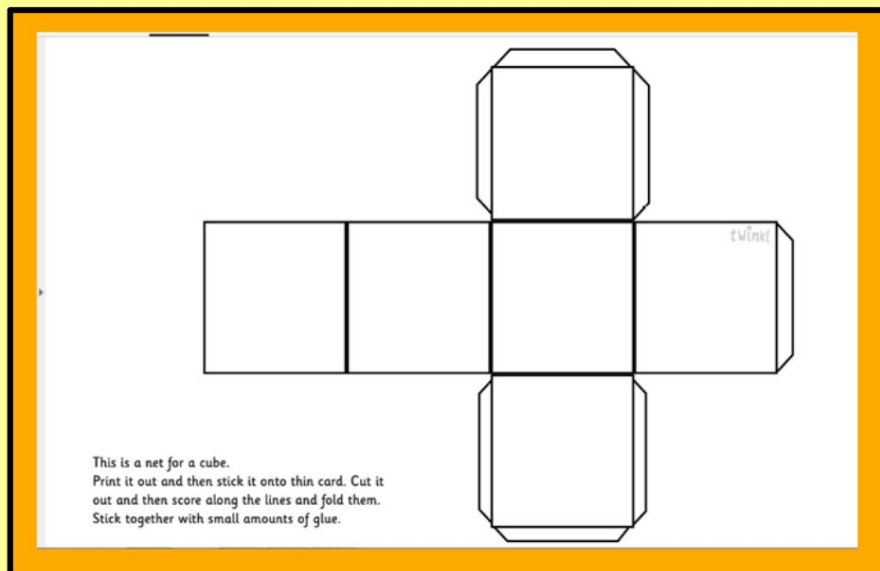
A Hindu creation story

How do you think this differ from the Christian creation story?

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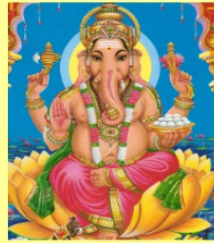
What would Brahman's cube look like?



Inside this box we can find out what Hindus believe about Brahman.

What or who do you think might be on each face of the cube?

Hindus believe that their God has many different sides. These different sides are shown by 'deities' who all display different values.



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Ganesh

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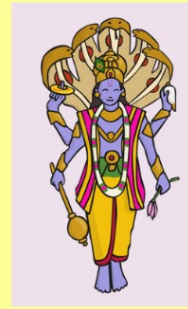
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Activity 2 resources available to print for matching activity.

Can you match the deities to their descriptions and values?



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Vishnu is the Hindu god that **protects the universe and people**.

Hindus believe that he saved his followers by appearing to them in other forms.

He is **caring and compassionate**.

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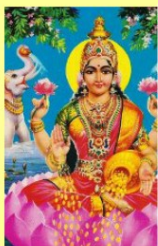


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the regard that something is held to deserve; the importance, worth, or usefulness of something

What values do we have in school?

Chesswood Bright-Sparks

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What values do the different gods show?

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Ganesh



Shiva



Vishnu



Lakshmi



Sita



Rama



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creativity

Ganesh

strength/wisdom

Shiva

generosity/sympathy

Vishnu

compassion/care

Lakshmi

success/happiness/knowledge

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loyalty

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Activity 3

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Write examples of how the different aspects of Hindu Gods relate to our Bright Sparks code.

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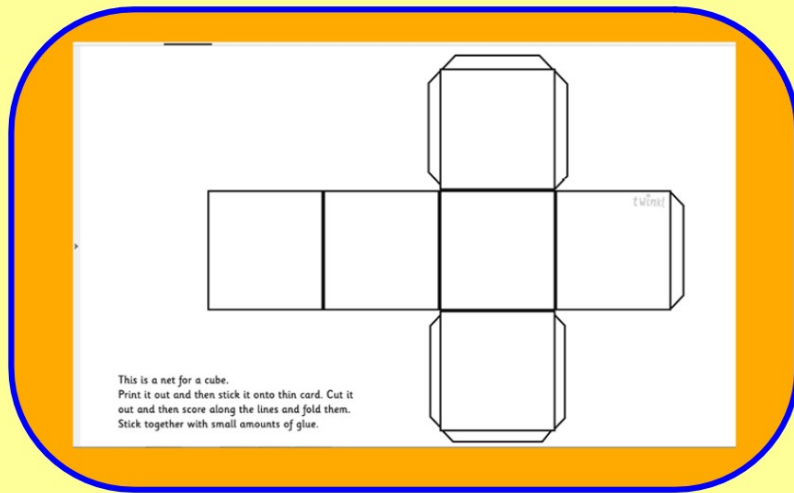
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Can we match any together?

e.g. Creativity links with our Bright Sparks Innovate, we are creative, ask questions and investigate new ideas.




Plenary:

Look back at your own cube



When can you show the values you have chosen in your life?

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How do you think you did?