

<b>Year 1 - Summer</b>	<b>RE Knowledge Organiser</b>
Topic:	Hinduism
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**Key Vocabulary:**

Shrine  
 God  
 Deity  
 Brahman  
 Rama  
 Sita  
 Diwali  
 Holi  
 The Vedas  
 The Ramayana  
 Lakshmi

**Special scriptures:**

The Vedas  
 The Ramayana

**How did it begin?**

Hinduism is one of the oldest religions in the world, dating all the way back to 1500 BC. Although its origins are unclear, it is understood to be a mix of different beliefs, cultures and traditions of the people who lived along the Indus River, in South-East Asia.

Today, it is believed over 900 million people follow Hinduism as their faith, many of whom live in India.

**Place of Worship / How people worship:**

Hindus worship in a temple called a **Mandir**. Mandirs vary in size from small village shrines to large buildings, surrounded by walls.

Hindus also worship at home and often have a special room with a shrine to particular Gods.

**Important beliefs & teachings:**

Brahman takes many forms. Especially three forms called the **Trimurti**.

- **Brahma** is the **creator** of the world and all creatures. He is usually shown with four heads.
- **Vishnu** is the **preserver** of the world. His role is to return to the Earth in troubled times and restore the balance of good and evil. He has blue skin and four arms.
- **Shiva** is the **destroyer** of the universe. Shiva destroys the universe in order to re-create it. Shiva has blue skin, a third eye and carries a trident.



Hindus often worship at shrines to various **deities**. This is called **puja**. This is a shrine of **Lakshmi** during **Diwali**. Offerings are made in the form of food.

**Key People:**

God Brahman  
 Brahma  
 Vishnu  
 Shiva  
 Rama  
 Sita  
 Krishnu  
 Lakshmi

<b>Sequence of Lessons</b>	
	<b>Brief outline of lesson</b>
Lesson 1	Introduction to Hinduism
Lesson 2	The holy scriptures of Hinduism
Lesson 3	Hindu temples
Lesson 4	Hindu Gods
Lesson 5	Hindu festivals-Holi
Lesson 6	Diwali-the story of Rama and Sita
Lesson 7	Diwali -how do they celebrate?
Lesson 8	Assessment-Why is Diwali an important festival for Hindus and how do they celebrate it?