



Year:	3	Unit:	Hindu Dharma Why is family an important part of Hindu life?
What will I learn this year? • Develop an understanding of the importance of duty and commitment to many religions • Know that following dharma (religious duty) is an important part of Hindu life • Suggest the impact of belief in dharma, particularly the belief that there are three 'debts' – duty owed to God/the deities, duty owed to teachers, and duty owed to family • How and why Hindus might celebrate Raksha Bandhan • Identify aspects of the celebration which remind Hindus of their dharma • Identify religious teachings contained within a Hindu story – and suggest how these stories might be used to teach Hindu children about dharma (eg. What teachings about duty to family are expressed in the story of Rama and Sita?) • Identify sources of authority and inspiration • Consider what our 'duties' as human beings are • Reflect on their own duties – to themselves, to their families, to their communities • Discuss who or what they follow – and why			
Key Vocabulary		What should I already know?	
Deities - Gods or Goddesses Dharma - is often translated as 'duty' but can also be understood as the right way of being – behaving in a certain way because it is the right way to live.	 	• That Hindus believe in one God (Brahman) who can be worshipped in many forms • That these forms (the deities) have different qualities and are portrayed in different ways • Why Hindus might believe that it is important to show devotion to the deities • That Hindus might worship at a Mandir and/or the home shrine • Why worship in the home might be important • Describe the meaning and symbolism of items used in worship (eg. arti lamp, items on the puja tray) • Talk about qualities that make some people special • Identify ways in which humans show their gratitude to the people who matter in their lives • Talk about who is special to them and why • Reflect on who they should be grateful to and how they might show this in words and actions	
		What will I learn next?	
		• Explore teachings about good and evil in the story of Rama and Sita • Describe what moral guidance Hindus might gain from the story of Rama and Sita • Make links between the actions of Rama and the belief that he is an avatar of Vishnu, appearing on earth to destroy evil and uphold dharma • Use subject specific language to describe how and why Hindus celebrate Diwali • The importance of light in the Diwali celebrations, and how this is a symbol of good overcoming evil • Discuss (with relevant examples) the importance of the belief that good overcomes evil • Suggest people, words or stories that might be inspiring when trying to overcome difficulties in life • Reflect on their own concept of 'goodness' • Discuss what gives them hope during difficult times	