

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser

Year 1

Summer (i)

What is important to Hindus?

Substantive Knowledge – Hindus believe that God is everywhere which means that they can worship at home or in a mandir; most Hindu homes have a shrine; Hindus believe that God is represented in different forms.

Where do Hindus worship?

Hindus worship **anywhere**.

Most Hindu homes have a shrine.

The shrine will contain important objects that are used for worship.

What does a Hindu shrine contain?

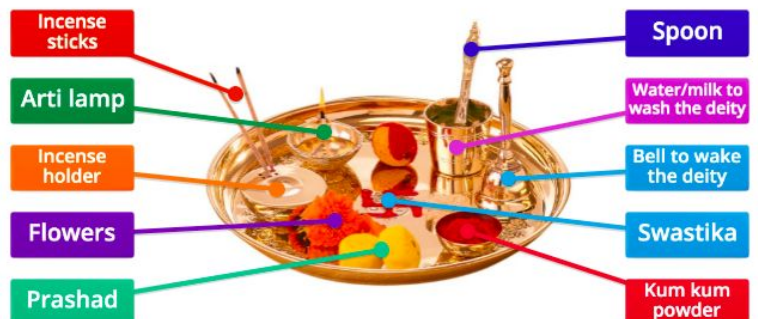


The traditional Hindu shrine includes a bell, food offerings, murti, incense and kumkum powder.



A Hindu shrine contains at least one image, called a 'murti', of their gods e.g. Lord Krishna or Lord Ganesh.

Each shrine also contains a **puja tray**.



Hindu symbolism - marigolds

Marigolds are **symbolic of goodness**.

Marigolds and the colour orange are significant in the Hindu religion.



Which Hindu god is marigold?
Ganesha



The colour orange **symbolises fire and, therefore, purity** (as impurities are burned in fire).

Marigolds are orange.

Brides often wear marigolds on their wedding day.

God in animal form

Hindus believe in one supreme God who created everything and contains every characteristic in the universe.

The supreme God is made up of many different gods who can take the form of humans or animals.

Each has different powers and Hindus choose specific gods to worship in specific situations and areas of the world.



Nandi, which means “giving delight” or “giving joy,” is the sacred bull of the Hindu god Shiva, one of the most important Hindu gods.

Nandi is Shiva's animal form, his means of transportation, and his most ardent worshiper.

Hindu temples - mandirs

Hindus believe that God is everywhere which means they can worship both at home or in a temple (*mandir*).

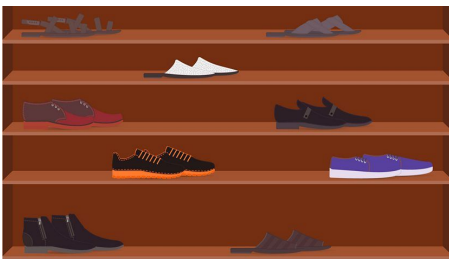
Mandirs will have an orange flag outside.

Hindus follow rules when entering a mandir.

They take off their shoes and wash their hands when they enter a mandir.



Mandir



An orange flag

People take their shoes off before entering the mandir as a way of respecting the deities (gods and goddesses).

Portable Knowledge – What we need to remember

Most Hindu homes have a shrine.

God can be in different forms including animal form.

Mandirs are places where Hindus go to worship together.



A shrine

Core Vocabulary

Hindu – a person who believes in the religion called Hinduism.

Shrine – a holy place where people worship.

Mandir – a Hindu temple.