

Y4 RE Knowledge organiser – UNIT 3

UNIT L2.8 What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

My Key Learning



What do I already know?

Shrine and puja:

Hindu families set up shrines to a chosen God in their homes.



A **puja** is a prayer ritual to one or more Gods.

The spark of God – *atman*:

Hindus believe that all living things And the elements (earth, wind and fire) contain the spark of Brahman.



Hindu way of life:

Dharma describes the Hindu way of life. "**Sanatan Dharma**" means "*Eternal Way*".

Puja:

Each item on the puja tray has a purpose:

Bell: wake up the deity

Flowers: beauty of the world

Diva lamp: remove darkness

Water: life

Spoon: to give the blessed water

Murti: image of a deity

Sweets or sugar: offering of food for the deity



Aarti is the light to remove darkness (ratri) and lighten the mind.

Inside the mandhir during Diwali:

The story of Diwali reminds Hindus of how goodness can overcome bad deeds or attitudes. It is the start of the Hindu New Year. This is a huge celebration.



Lakshmi is the goddess of **love** and she is welcomed into homes using Rangoli patterns and lots of light.

Hinduism in Britain today:



After the war, in 1945, Britain asked for workers from India and Pakistan to come and help rebuild the country. At that time, India was part of the British Empire.

Today, about 1.5% of the British population is Hindu.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Bhajans	Hindu worship songs
Diva lamp	a lamp with a flame used during worship
deeds	something that someone has done
mandhir	Hindu temple
murti	image or statues , usually of a deity
population	total number of people who live there
Rangoli patterns	bright image which is usually symmetrical
temptation	Something that is wrong or hard to resist

