



Hinduism and India

Exploring the beliefs, practices and impact of Hinduism, locally and globally.



Overview of theme:

This focus of this unit is on Hinduism, and the impact, beliefs and practices locally and globally. We will look at the links between Hinduism and other religions, and make connections between the different aspects of the religion such as the festivals and worship. We will look at the geography of India using maps online and in atlases, focusing on major cities, important rivers and significant landmarks.

Children's learning:

- To learn about the beliefs and practices of Hindus
- To find out about the different aspects of the religion
- To learn about Hinduism locally and globally
- To use maps skills to find out about India and significant places in the country
- To find out about a significant historical person

Core text:

Cloud Tea Monkey by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham.

Key vocabulary:

Hindu, Hinduism, India, Mandir, worship, Diwali, Gandhi, faith, belief

Planned visits and school workshops:

Visit to the Mandir in Neasden
Lookout Centre
Holi day

Information for parents:

If you or the children have ever been to India or to a Hindu wedding, we would love to see pictures or hear about your experiences. If you, or friends or family are practicing Hindu and would like to come to talk to the children, you would be most welcome.

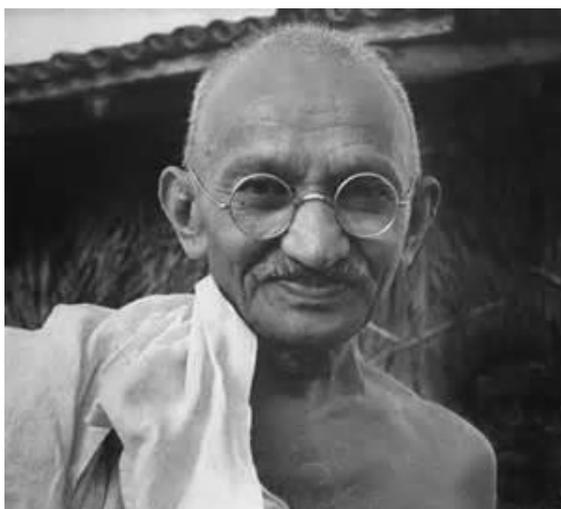
References, resources and web links:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/religion/hinduism/>



Cross-curriculum links and opportunities:

English	Diary writing Non-chronological reports
Mathematics	Symmetry
Science	Teeth Food and eating
Art and design	Rangoli patterns Mehndi patterns
Computing	Powerpoint – creating presentations
Design and technology	Indian food and cooking
Geography	Major cities, rivers and landmarks in India What is it like to live in India today?
History	A focus on a significant person on modern Indian history, Mahatma Gandhi. What impact did he have on India?
Drama and Dance	Bollywood dance
Religious Education	Exploring the origins of Hinduism, and the belief and practices of Hindus today.



Sequence and structure to curriculum theme:

Phase 1:	The story 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' Diary writing The history and spread of Hinduism Rangoli Patterns
Phase 2:	The story 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' Diary writing Geography of India – Cities, rivers and landmarks Key beliefs of Hinduism Festivals in Hinduism – Diwali) Story of Rama and Sita
Phase 3:	Geography of India – Cities, rivers and landmarks Non-chronological reports Map skills Worship and practices in Hinduism Festivals in Hinduism – Holi Holi art – colour and paint
Phase 4:	Modern History of India – A significant person: 'Mahatma Gandhi' Non-chronological reports Contrast between Hinduism locally and globally Contrast between Hinduism and other religions Bollywood dancing
Phase 5:	Modern History of India – A significant person: 'Mahatma Gandhi' Writing our own non-chronological reports Visit to the Mandir

