

Year 5 Block 2 RE Knowledge Organiser - How and why do Hindus worship at home and at the mandir in Peterborough?

Vocabulary

1. Brahma	The supreme being in Hinduism.
2. Trimurti	The triad of three Gods; Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.
3. Creator	A person who creates.
4. Preserver	The protector who keeps things safe.
5. Destroyer	A person or thing which ruins something.
6. Mandir	Hindu place of worship.
7. Shrine	A sacred place that's devoted to God.
8. Artefacts	An object made by a human being.
9. Murti	An image or statue of a God.
10. Puja	Prayer.
11. Arti	A part of puja; the ceremony of light.
12. Offering	Something given as a gift.
13. Prasad	A vegetarian food given as an offering.
14. Worship	Love or devotion shown towards something.
15. Community	A group of people with shared interests.
16. Symbol	An object or picture which represents something else.
17. Ritual	A set of actions always done in a particular way.
18. Aum	A sacred sound and symbol in Hinduism.

Aum

1. Hindus believe this was the sound made when God created the universe.

A - emerges from the throat,
U - rolls over the tongue
M - ends on the lips

A - waking,
U - dreaming,
M - sleeping



Did you know that the Bharat Hindu Samaj (the mandir) in Peterborough is dedicated to Lord Rama?

The Mandir



1. Shoes are removed before entering the mandir.
2. There are many shrines to different gods and goddesses.
3. Prayers take place in the mornings.
4. The service is performed by a pujari, who leads the mandir.
5. Bells are rung to wake the gods and goddesses.
6. Murtis of the gods and goddesses are dressed in fine clothing, which is changed often.
7. Visitors make offerings to the gods - this might be food, milk, flowers or money.

The Puja Tray

Each shrine contains a puja tray, which holds several important items

Bell – The worshippers ring the bell to let God know that they are ready to worship.



Incense and incense holder – The incense burns and gives off a pleasant aroma, which purifies the air around the shrine.



Kum kum powder – When mixed with water, this powder makes a red paste. Hindu worshippers use it to mark their foreheads as a sign of respect to the gods. They also mark the foreheads of the gods on their shrine.



Diva lamp – The lamp is lit as a symbol of God's presence.



Water containers and spoon – To show respect, water is offered to the gods on a spoon.

