

Vocabulary: Hinduism, samskaras, Divali, rakhi, tilak, blessings, culture, ceremony, gods, goddesses			
Where topic fits in			

2 12.01	To find out about special occasions in a Hindu childhood.	Children will find out about the samskaras - special moments in the lives of babies and children as they grow towards adulthood. Your class will discover what happens at some of these celebrations and what the events and actions symbolise. They will also think about special celebrations they have experienced in their own childhoods.	Do children know that Hindus have different ceremonies when they are growing up? Do children know that these ceremonies are called samskaras? Can children describe some of the samskaras in a Hindu's childhood?
3 19.01	To find out what happens at a Hindu wedding.	Children will find out what traditional Hindu wedding celebrations are like. They will find out about the ceremony itself as well as some of the other rituals and traditions that are undertaken to prepare the bride and groom for marriage. Children will consider how Hindu weddings are similar or different to weddings from other faiths and cultures.	Do children know what a Hindu wedding ceremony is like? Do children know what Hindu wedding celebrations are like? Can children compare a Hindu wedding to the weddings of people of other faiths and culture
4 26.01	To find out about the Hindu festival of Divali.	Children will explore the festival of Divali. They will read the story of Rama and Sita and understand why Divali is celebrated. They will find out about some of the customs and traditions surrounding Divali and how it is celebrated by Hindu families.	Do children know what Divali is? Can children re-tell the story of Rama and Sita? Do children know some of the customs and traditions associated with a Hindu Divali celebration?
5 02.02	To find out about the Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan	Children will find out about the festival of Raksha Bandhan which celebrates the relationship between brothers and sisters. Children will find out how this Hindu festival is celebrated, such as through rakhi bracelets and tilak blessings. They will also consider people in their own lives they look out for and who look out for them in return.	Do children know that Raksha Bandhan is a festival that celebrates the relationship between siblings? Can children describe some of the ways in which Raksha Bandhan is celebrated by Hindus? Can children think of people in their own lives they look out for and who look out for them in return?
6 09.02	To find out about the Hindu festival of Ganesh Chaturthi.	Children will start by thinking about how they celebrate their birthdays. They will then find out that Ganesh Chaturthi is a Hindu festival that celebrates the birthday of Ganesh, the elephant-headed god. They will find out what happens during the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations and think about how this birthday is different or similar to their own birthday celebrations.	Do children know what Ganesh Chaturthi is? Can children describe some of the ways in which Hindus celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi? Can children describe what the god Ganesh looks like?