



Key vocabulary:

Aum	A symbol that represents Brahman - a God
Diwali	A major festival that represents good over evil
Deity	A god or Goddess
Brahman	The main spirit which is represented in different forms
Vedas	A holy book that contains scriptures (important stories).
Reincarnation	The rebirth of the soul in a new body.

This term we will be focusing on Hinduism, specifically looking how they believe in reincarnation and why they have a range of different Gods and Goddesses.

We will be learning about Hinduism through listening to and taking part in stories which will help us understand their beliefs.

All about Hinduism:



- Hindus follow the teachings of Brahman, a God who is everywhere and take on many different forms.
- Hindus worship many different Gods and Goddesses: Brahma, Vishnu, Saraswathi, Lakshimi, Parvati, and Ganesha.
- Hindus believe that there is a part of Brahman in everyone, called Atman.
- Hindus believe in reincarnation- a belief that a person's soul can live many lifetimes.
- Hindus celebrate Diwali- a festival of light

Key questions:

- Do you think you share any values with Hindus?
- Why do you think Hindus celebrate Diwali?
- Why do Hindus believe God is in everything?

Stories we will be focussing on:

- **Svetaketu** - God is in everything
- **Rama and Sita** - Diwali and the festival of light

The stories we will be focusing on all come from a holy book called the Vedas.