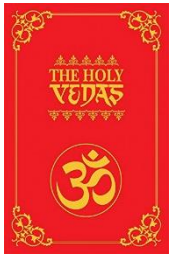
Year 2 Hindu Dharma

Key Question
How should we respond to the things that really matter?

Focus Question
How might people express their devotion?







Key Vocabulary
devotion - to feel loyal and loving toward someone or something
express - to show or tell the thoughts or feelings
special - something of importance
care - looking after something
Hindus - people who follow the beliefs of Hinduism
mandir or temple - a special place for Hindus.
worship - to pray, show respect or says thank to God
shrine - a holy or sacred place with something important inside it
pooja tray - a special tray that contains items for Hindu worship



What we will learn

Shared Human Experience:
- talk about qualities that make some people special
- identify ways in which humans show their gratitude to the people who matter in their lives

Beliefs & Values:
- know that Hindus believe in one God (Brahman) who can be worshipped in many forms
- know that these forms (the deities) have different qualities and are portrayed in different ways
- suggest why Hindus might believe that it is important to show devotion to the deities

Living Religious Traditions :
- know that Hindus might worship at a Mandir and/or the home shrine
- suggest why worship in the home might be important
- describe the meaning and symbolism of items used in worship (eg. items on the puja tray)

Search for personal meaning:
- * talk about who is special to them and why
- * reflect on who they should be grateful to and how they might show this in words and actions

Sticky Knowledge:
- Hindus believe in one God (Brahman.) Brahman can appear in different forms. This means that he can look like different and have different names. Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma are all Brahman in his different forms.
- Hindus special place is called a mandir or temple. Hindus can go to the mandir at any time to be peaceful, pray and sing religious songs. Worshipping at the mandir is a special time to be together with other Hindus. Mandirs are seen as a place where heaven meets the earth so many mandirs are tall buildings, like mountains reaching up into the sky.
- Hindus can also worship at home. They set up home shrines where offerings can be made and prayers are spoken. The shrine could be as big as a room, a small corner or a statue.