

Dear Parent /Carer,

This lesson follows on from last week's lesson. You may wish to rewatch the clip from last week first.

## What's the story?

Hindus remember the Deity (god or goddess) in many different stories. One story that they remember at Durga Puja is the story of how the goddess Durga defeats the demon Mahishasur.

The demon Mahishasur unleashed terror on the world. The goddess Durga, full of energy, mounted a tiger and rode into battle. Mahishasur changed form many times: starting as a buffalo, he changed into an elephant, a lion, a man – and finally back to buffalo. Durga killed all these forms, until she defeated the demon.

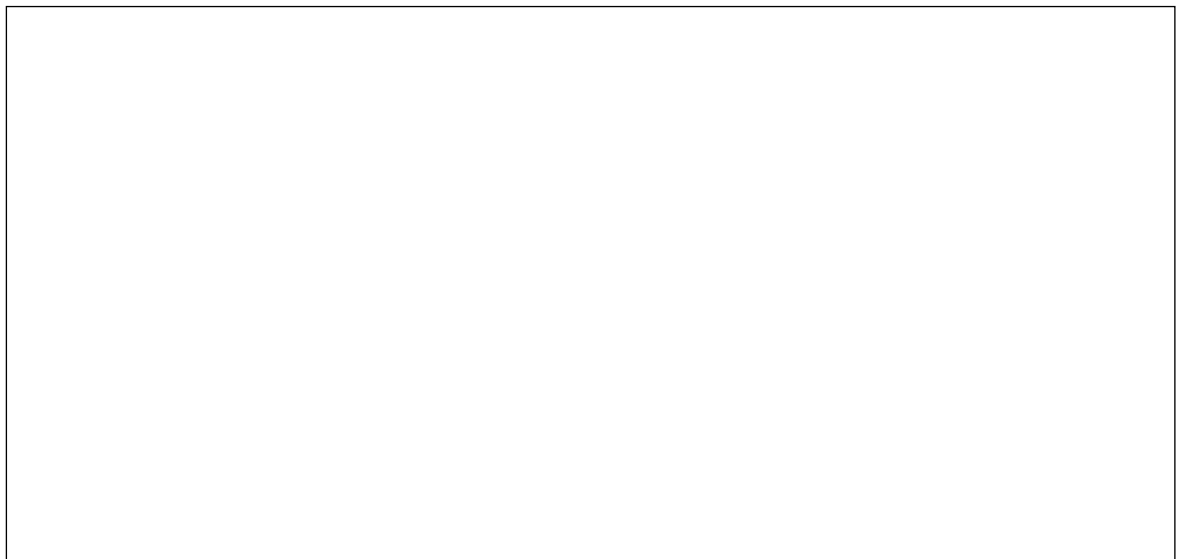
You can watch a version here:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHDt4IUP-4k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHDt4IUP-4k)



Can you see why Hindu women dance such a lot at the Durga Puja? It was a great victory of good over evil.

How would you illustrate the great battle between Durga and Mahishasur? Choose one or two scenes and do some drawings here. You could draw Durga with her many arms and the weapons given to her by the other deities.



## What matters most?

What do you think is most important to Hindus at this celebration? Some suggestions are below, but you should add your own. Can you rank them to say which are most important all the way down to the one that is least important and say why?

Dancing	Murtis (statues or pictures)	Shrines
Good over evil	Women	Recycling
Music	Processions	The Goddess



1. (the most important of all)

2.

3.

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8.

9. (the least important)