

Dear Parent /Carer,

This lesson focuses on the Hindu religion. Please watch the clip and answer / draw the responses in the sections provided.

Learning about Hindus: celebrating the Goddess

Hindus worship God in many different ways. In this resource, you will learn about one celebration of God in the form of the Goddess, Durga.

Watch this clip from the BBC. This is a special festival of worship to Durga in Calcutta, a huge city in India.

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p010xmhy



Durga Puja

The clip shows a 9-day long festival called Durga Puja (also known as the festival of Navaratri). It is a lively celebration, full of sounds, colours, smells, tastes and other sensations.

As you watch the clip, think about your five senses: seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling and touching.








Imagine what it would be like to be at this Hindu celebration.

- What things do you see and hear?
- Use your imagination: what would you taste, smell and touch if you were there?

Write down some of these ideas on the next page.

Using your senses!

Fill in at least one thing in each box. What strikes you most?

 Something I can see	
 Something I can hear	
 Something I would taste	
 Something I would smell	
 Something I would touch	
 Something I want to say	
 Something I wonder	

Some keywords

You have heard some important words during the clip. Can you say what they mean? You may need to watch and listen to the clip again!

Shrine	
Puja	
Goddess	
Durga	
Worship	

Definitions

Here are some definitions you can use for the grid above – but be careful – they are not all correct! You have to work out which ones fit best. Then look them up with a dictionary to check.

- A ceremony of worship, offered to God/the Goddess
- A place where gods and goddesses are worshipped
- A type of prayer
- One form of the Goddess, usually shown with many arms and riding on a tiger (or a lion)
- The festival of lights, remembering Rama and Sita
- The female form of the Deity (God)
- An act of devotion towards God, showing a person's commitment, loyalty and love
- A symbol representing the Deity (God) in Hinduism