

RE Vocabulary Autumn term

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Artifact

An object made by a human being, it can be of cultural or historical or religious interest.



Aum

Om (also spelled **Aum**), is the most sacred symbol in Hinduism. Hindu scriptures tell many things about this symbol. In Hinduism, Om is like calling god's name towards you. This name is generally said three times, before chanting any prayers.



Trimurti

In Hinduism, the **Trimurti** (also called the Hindu trinity) are three aspects of God in His forms as Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.



Shakti

Is the prehistoric cosmic or heavenly energy and represents the dynamic forces that are thought to move through the entire universe in Hinduism.



Puja

Puja comes from Sanskrit, and means reverence, honour and worship. It is a prayer service ritual performed by Hindus.



Bell

The bell is rung to let the Gods or deity know the worshipper is ready to worship them.



Incense

Incense sticks burn completely into ashes, yet their impact is the pleasant aromas that fill a room. This ritual represents the human sacrifice to society. It is used day to day as air fresheners.



Kum kum powder

Kumkuma is a powder used for social and religious markings in India. It is made from turmeric and the mark is placed on the forehead. Kumkum is also the symbol of Saubhagya or good luck.



Diya lamp

They are used during special occasions such as Diwali (the festival of light) as Hindus believe the lighting of these lamps brings positive energy which welcomes Goddess Laxmi into the house.



Water Container and spoon

Water is offered to the gods on a spoon. This is to show respect to the gods. Traditionally, in India, people welcome a guest into the house by offering them water to drink and to wash.



Navarati

A festival that is celebrated, Navratri is celebrated for different reasons in different parts of the country. It is also known as Durga Puja, whereby devotees pay respects to Goddess Durga and her nine avatars. 'Nav' means nine and 'ratri' means night; hence, the name.



Dandia

It is the socio-religious folk dance originating from Indian state of Gujarat.



Murti

Murti means an image in which the Divine Spirit is expressed ('murta'). Hindus call the presence of God into the image so that they can communicate with him and receive his blessings.



Hanuman

Hanuman is a very powerful and strong god.

