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## Hinduism Week 2023

	<p>EYFS have had a busy week finding out about Hinduism. They listened carefully to the story of Rama and Sita and then had great fun acting it out. They wrote about their favourite character in the story. The children had a look at a virtual Mandir to see what it was like inside and thought about how it was different to our Church.</p>
	<p>Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed this week learning all about Hinduism. The children were amazed that Ganesha was able to start his new life with the head of an elephant. We thought of different words to describe Krishna such as brave, strong and courageous. The children have all shown understanding of respect by writing a blessing based on the Rahki bracelet of protection.</p>
	<p>Year 2 have been learning all about prayer. We have learnt that many Hindus have a special place at home called a shrine where they worship together as a family. We have also learnt all about the Puja tray and what all the different elements on the tray represent. Many of the artefacts reminded us of Christian artefacts and we made some comparisons between the two religions. We</p>



	<p>were really fortunate that one of our friends was able to bring in some artefacts from his shrine at home for us to look at.</p>
<p><b>YEAR THREE</b></p>	<p>Year 3 have been talking about symbols of Hinduism. We then looked at our own special places and talked about the Mandir and how it might be decorated. This allowed us to discuss the many different gods and goddesses and we finished the week by creating our own!</p>
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>Year 4 have been learning about Hindu's special books. Hinduism does not just have one sacred book but several scriptures. Hindus read and study them as part of their worship and the contents of these books guides their lives. The two oldest books are 'Vedas' meaning knowledge and 'Bhagavad-Gita meaning song of the Lord. We looked at two stories 'The Bold Beggar' and '6 Blind Men and an elephant'. We learnt that Hindus search for truth in their stories.</p>
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>Year 5 have been learning about their own personal life and what is important in their life. In Hinduism, Year 5 have focused on the Brahman, the supreme God. They have researched the three forms of Brahman (Brahma, Shiva and Vishnu) and what the symbols in specific artwork might mean.</p>
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>Year 6 have been learning about the significance of Karma in a Hindu's life. We talked about both good and bad actions. We then discussed Dharma- the religious and moral law governing individual conduct</p>