Exploring Hinduism: A Fact-File with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand and identify key beliefs, traditions, and practices within the Hindu faith.

Join Ellie the elephant on a journey of discovery! Use your classroom resources or library books to research the following sections about Hinduism. Write clearly and remember to check your spelling.

Word bank: Dharma · Karma · Brahman · Mandir · Puja · Diwali · Ahimsa · Shruti · Vedas

1. Core Beliefs: Explain the concept of 'Dharma' and how it influences the way a Hindu person might choose to live their daily life. (3 marks)

2. Places of Worship: Describe a 'Mandir'. What are some of the key features or activities that happen inside this sacred space? (2 marks)

3. Festivals: Choose one major Hindu festival (such as Diwali or Holi). Explain why it is celebrated and describe two traditions associated with it. (3 marks)

4. Sacred Texts: Identify one of the sacred texts of Hinduism. What kind of information or stories does this text contain? (2 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: Ellie loves learning about new cultures! Why do you think it is important for people to learn about different religions and their traditions? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose one Hindu deity and research their symbolic importance. Write a short paragraph explaining what they represent and why they are significant to followers of Hinduism.