**LKS2 How does the story of Rama and Sita inspire Hindus to follow their dharma?**

**Prior**

**learning**

Hindus believe we all have a soul.

The soul is reincarnated when we die, it lives on and moves into a new body.

We collect good and bad karma through our actions.

Characters who follow their duty.

**What should we be able to do?**

*Describe what a Hindu might learn from the story of Rama and Sita.*

*Describe some things Hindus do to celebrate Rama and Sita’s commitment to duty and describe how Hindus celebrate Diwali.*

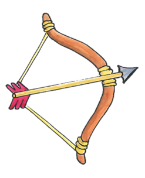
*Explain why Hindu children are encouraged to ‘Be as Rama’ or ‘as Sita.’*

**What should we know?**

**Dharma** is about duty.

Hindus believe:

* Everyone has their own DUTY or Dharma to fulfil in life.
* Dharma should be taken seriously -like playing a role in a team.
* Siblings have a duty to look after each other.
* Many Hindu stories are about those who follow their duty, no matter what.
* Hindu marriage joins two people for life, so they can fulfil their dharma together.

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Celebrating sibling duties

Home, family and work all have duties.

**What words should we understand and be able to use?**

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| **Dharma** | This means duty, like playing an important part. Doing your duty. | **Diwali** | A Hindu festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness. Known as the 'festival of lights.' |
| **Raksha Bandhan** | A Hindu festival celebrating brothers and sisters (**siblings**) and the love and duty between them. | **Divas** | An oil lamp made from clay used during Diwali |
| **Murti** | An image, statue or idol of a deity in Hindu culture. |