**Using talking tubs**

**Talking tubs:**

A talking tub is a collection of materials that are designed to stimulate talking and thinking about a concept. They can also be used to:

* assess prior knowledge and understanding;
* assess pupil knowledge and understanding part way through a teaching sequence or at the end of a unit of learning.

**Possible content of a talking tub to explore the question:** **How do Hindus worship?**

* Images of Hindu deities. Eg: Shiva, Ganesh, Kali, Lakshmi, Vishnu
* Aum symbol
* Picture of the Hindu creation story
* Photo of a shrine that would be found in the home of a Hindu family
* Photo of inside a mandir
* Photo of a Hindu priest
* Puja set
* Picture of the Kumbh Mela

**How to use the talking tub:**

The activity works best when the photos/objects are presents in a box to create the element of mystery and exploration.

**Step 1:**

* Children are given the opportunity to talk about each object/photo in the box. What can they remember from the unit of learning? Children are encouraged throughout to use religious vocabulary in their talk and conversation.

**Step 2:**

* On strips of paper, children write down what they believe the key knowledge is for each item, using appropriate religious vocabulary.

**Step 3:**

* On a different coloured strip of paper, children write down any links/connections they can make/see between the items. Eg:What is the link between a shrine at home and the mandir. What is the link between the puja set and the aum, what is the link between pilgrimage and God, what is the link between a Hindu priest and the mandir? etc

**Step 4:**

* On speech bubbles, children write down any questions they still have related to the big question?











**Hindu creation story**

For the full video see: [Hindu creation story - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9yWwFWpbRo)

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