

## Year 3/4 Optional Learning Menu

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Quentin Blake



Research the author/illustrator Quentin Blake. Can you create a fact-file about him? Start your research here with some interesting facts -

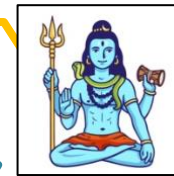
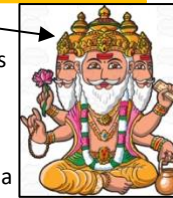
<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Quentin-Blake/605252>

What is Hinduism?  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh86n39/articles/zmpp92p>

Use this BBC Bitesize lesson on the basic ideas of Hinduism and take the quiz at the end. Write down 5 facts that you have learnt.



**CREATIVE TASK** – Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva are Hindu gods. Each has a different job e.g. creator of the world, upkeep of the world, destruction of the world. Can you invent your own Hindu god? Make a 3D model/ draw/paint them. What is their special job?



### **SOUND – Musycling**

Musycling is turning rubbish or unwanted items into musical instruments! Explore sound/compose tunes with the instruments you create. For example, how about a guitar made from a box and elastic bands? Could you play the instrument for us in class?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZJm6QXSOP4>

Can you draw like Quentin Blake? Try this 'How to Draw Willy Wonka' video tutorial from Quentin himself and share the results with us!



### **Sound Hunt**

Find something that:

1. Makes a sound
2. You could use to play music
3. Can send sound from one place to another
4. Makes the loudest sound
5. Makes a sound you like
6. Makes a sound you dislike.

<https://learning.sciencemuseum.org.uk/resources/ear-gongs/>

EXPERIMENT: Make a kind of gong from a coat hanger and some string. The gong makes a surprising and intriguing sound – but only when you have your fingers in your ears.