



Knowledge Organiser

Year 2 – Autumn 2 / Spring 1

Hinduism



Key Knowledge

What should we know by the end of this topic?

- Hindu beliefs about God vary
- Brahman is believed to be eternal
- Vishnu can take on many forms and comes to earth to bring good over evil
- Rama and Krishna are avatars of Vishnu
- Many Hindu Gods and Goddesses are believed to be aspects of Brahman

Reincarnation

- Most Hindus believe in reincarnation and that the Atman (soul) is eternal

What do Hindus believe about reincarnation?

What do Hindus believe about karma?

How do Hindus achieve 'moksha'?

How is Brahman described?

Supreme God

World Soul



Cosmic Spirit

Ultimate Reality

Brahma

The Creator

Vishnu

The Preserver

Shiva

The Destroyer

Key Skills

How can we develop our RE skills?

- Describe the Trimurti
- Reflect upon the life and work of Krishna
- Retell the story of Rama and Sita and explore its meaning
- Explore the celebration of Diwali and understand its meaning for Hindus
- Compare the celebration of Diwali with the Christian celebration of Christmas
- Identify Light as a common theme

Ask questions about Hinduism

Reflect on what you believe in

Share own views, giving reasons linked to learning

Make respectful comparisons

Hindu Worship - Puja Trays

- How are music and artefacts used in Hindu worship?
- How do Hindus give thanks?
- Can I compare Hindu and Christian artwork?
- How are shrines used in Hinduism?
- Do other faiths use figures in the same way?



Key Vocabulary

How can I use these words in my lessons?

Vocabulary

Definition

Brahman

The Supreme God

eternal

Lasting or existing forever, without end

Trimurti

Three forms

avatar

A manifestation of a Hindu God, an icon or figure

Krishna

An important Hindu God

Puja tray

A way of giving thanks to Hindu Gods

shrine

A holy place to represent a God

reincarnation

The rebirth of a soul into another body

Atman

Our soul

karma

Good or bad luck, based on someone's actions

moksha

Perfection, being released from the cycle of reincarnation