

YEAR 4 COLLECTABLE RE – What do Hindus believe about God?

KEY INFORMATION

Hindus believe in a supreme God **Brahman**. Brahman is present everywhere and there is a part of Brahman in everyone.

Brahman takes many forms, especially three forms called the **Trimurti**. **Brahma** is the **creator** of the world and all creatures. He is usually shown with four heads.

Vishnu is the **preserver** of the world. His role is to return to the earth in troubled times and restore the balance of good and evil. He has blue skin and four arms.

Shiva is the **destroyer** of the universe. Shiva destroys the universe in order to re-create it. Shiva has blue skin, a third eye and carries a trident.

Hindus believe that life is a cycle of birth, death, and rebirth. They also believe that the next life depends on how the previous life was lived.

Brahman— God

Aum—a sacred sound and spiritual symbol for Hindus

Diwali—a Hindu festival of lights

Deity—a god or goddess

Puja— an act of worship



KEY QUESTIONS

-How is God representing in Hinduism & how many Gods do they believe in?

-What do the Trimurti represent and why are they important?

-What do the Hindu deities say about Brahman?

-How do Hindus worship?

-How does Brahman affect Hindus in their actions?

KEY OUTCOMES

To be able to

-Identify some Hindu deities and how they help Hindus live

-Make clear links between what Hindus believe about God

-Make simple links between beliefs about God and how Hindus live

- Identify different ways in which Hindus worship

--Make links between the Hindu idea of everyone having a 'spark' of God in them and ideas about the value of people in the world today, giving good reasons for their ideas.



SKILLS

Identify and describe the core beliefs and concepts studied (**INVESTIGATING & EXPRESSING**)

Make clear links between texts/sources of authority and the core concepts studied (**APPLYING**)

Offer informed suggestions about what texts/sources of authority can mean and give examples of what these sources mean to believers (**INTERPRETING**)

Describe how people show their beliefs in how they worship and in the way they live (**REFLECTING**)

Identify some differences in how people put their beliefs into practice (**ANALYSING & DISCERNING**)

Make links between some of the beliefs and practices studied and life in the world today, expressing some ideas of their own clearly (**APPLYING & EXPRESSING**)

Raise important questions and suggest answers about how far the beliefs and practices studied

