#### LKS2



# Knowledge Organiser: RE - Hinduism

Inquiry Question: What's a Hindu?

Key People and Vocabulary				
Hindu	Vishnu	Brahma	Trimurti	Tridevi
Brahman	Mandir	Puja	Murtis	Shrine
Shruti	Smriti	Vedas	Dharma	Moksha

### In KS1 you learnt to:

- Recall and name different beliefs
- Retell and suggest meaning to religious stories
- Respond and reflect on what different

I think... is right because....and....
We know that....because....
Some ways that... and ... differ is...
One way that ... and ... are similar is...
I know....believe... because....

## Beliefs and practices

- Hindus are encouraged to learn
- Dharma do the right thing with good behaviour
- Reincarnation a soul cannot be destroyed so when something dies their soul enters another living thing
- Moksha when a soul stops being reincarnated and is reunited with Brahman

#### Sources of wisdom

- There are Holy Scripture in Hinduism. They support Hindus in their life and guide prayer
- Shruti texts are knowledge from Gods. Smriti were written by spiritual leaders.
- The Vedas
- The Upanishads
- Gurus

### Symbols and actions

- Aum/Om the sacred symbol
- Swastika
- The Shiva Linga
- Diva lamp
- Conch shell
- Lotus flower
- Meditation
- Chanting
- Pranama respectful salutation

## Prayer, worship and reflection

- Hindus can worship at home or at a Mandir
- In a Mandir Hindus can perform puja a worship ritual to one or more deities
- Some Mandirs are very tall as Hindus believe this puts them closer to God
- Hindu prayer is usually an individual act

# Identity and belonging

- Hinduism is the oldest of the world's religions and originated in South East Asia.
- It is a mix of different cultures, beliefs and traditions dating back over 4000 years.
- Many different identities and groups but some temples can focus a 'Hindu Community'

## **Ultimate** questions

- Is there a Hindu 'Bible'?
- Do Hindus believe in God or Gods?
- Do Hindus worship idols?
- What causes suffering?
- How can we be saved?
- What is the right/wrong thing?

## Human responsibility and values

- Karma the pursuit of pleasure
- Artha the pursuit of material success
- Dharma leading a good and just life
- Moksh enlightenment and freedom from suffering
- Do not injure any living thing

### Justice and fairness

- Actions in life affect future experiences. Negative actions lead to Karmic debt.
- Criminals should face consequences but should also be given the chance to reform.
- Is the caste system just?
- What is an 'untouchable'?