

RE Knowledge Organiser

Southwold Primary School



Topic: What is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God?

Year 5 Autumn 1

Hinduism

What should I already know?

- Pilgrimage to the river Ganges– another form of commitment.
- Different deities and their characteristics-deities may be popular for different times of needs.
- The caste system—traditional class system of human life in India—unpopular now but still present in rural India.

Impact on believer / daily life

- Worship can take many forms and is a very personal aspect of daily life.
- Most Hindus will worship everyday mostly at home using private shrine.
- Remembering the laws in the Vedas will help Hindus respect nature, as well as focus on their personal morality.

Vocabulary

Brahman	The Hindu name for the Universal Spirit that is everywhere and part of everything.
Atman	Eternal self. Often referred to as 'spirit' or 'soul.' It indicates our true self which underpins
Universal	Relating to or affecting all.
Deity	A god or goddess.
Essence	The basic or most important idea or quality of something.
Trimurti	Having three forms. Refers to the three main aspects of Brahman.

What will I know by the end of this unit?

Hindus believe in a universal soul or God called Brahman.

- They believe that there is a part of Brahman in everyone and this is called the Atman.
- Hindus believe that Brahman takes on many forms which some Hindus worship as gods or goddesses.
- The essence of each god is Brahman.
- These gods are sent to help people find/understand the universal God (Brahman).
- There are three main Hindu deities (the trimurti): Brahma –creator, Vishnu –preserver and Shiva – destroyer.
- Most Hindus have a personal god or goddess to whom they pray to regularly.
- Hindus believe that Brahman is present in all things.
- They believe that Brahman is eternal and everywhere at once.
- Hindus use images and objects to portray God. Hindus do not worship these, but worship Brahman through them.
- Hindus are free to worship God in a variety of forms.

Commitment to God



Hindu worship Shiva

Brahman
(search for soul)



Links with other religions

- **God (Judaism):** Jews believe that there is only one God and God alone should be worshipped. They believe that God is eternal – He has always existed and will always exist.
- **God (Buddhism):** Most Buddhists do not believe in God.