

Y4 RE Knowledge organiser – UNIT 2

UNIT L2.7 What do Hindus believe that God is like?

My Key Learning



What do I already know?

Most Christians believe that God is three in one:



Allah is the word for God in Arabic.

Muslims believe that there is only God. They use the word **Tawhid**.

Hindu symbols of faith:

This is **aum**. It is the Hindu symbol and sound (the first sound in the universe) used by many Hindus to represent **Brahman** (God).



Brahman is the ultimate being, whose spirit is in everything.

Hindu deities (Gods):

Trimurti means "three forms". Brahman is three deities.

Vishnu
(Preserver)



Brahma
(Creator)

Shiva
(Transformer)

Shrine and puja:



Hindu families set up shrines to a chosen God in their homes.

A **puja** is a prayer ritual to one or more Gods.

The Ramayana and Diwali:



The story of Rama and Sita is told at the time of Diwali. Diwali is the festival of light. It is celebrated around this time of year.

The spark of God – atman:

Hindus believe that all living things And the elements (earth, wind and fire) contain the spark of Brahman.



All living things are sacred and special.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
deity	god or goddess
dharma	the way a Hindu lives their life
preserve	to protect from being hurt or harmed
puja	a prayer ritual to celebrate an event or honour a God or Gods
shrine	a special place to remember a God or event
trimurti	in three forms or images
transform	to change the look or shape of something
ultimate	the greatest of something

