



Discovery RE Knowledge Organiser



This knowledge organiser is a guide, offering key information to point the teacher in the right direction as to the beliefs underpinning the particular enquiry. The summaries must not be taken as the beliefs of ALL members of the particular religion.



Religion /Worldview: Hinduism	Enquiry Question: What is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God?	Age: 9/10
In this enquiry, the children look at aspects of how Hindus worship. They consider ways in which commitment is shown and the beliefs behind the symbols and actions.		

Core Knowledge (see also background information documents)	Link to other aspects of belief	Personal connection / resonance
<p>Hindus believe in Brahman as the one true God who is formless, limitless, all-inclusive, and eternal. This enquiry introduces the following aspects of Hindu belief – Puja, Gayatri Mantra, Vedas, The four goals - (purusharthas) - Dharma (teaching)</p> <p><u>Puja</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship can be performed alone at home or in a mandir/temple with others • Offerings are always given to God <p><u>Vedas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vedas are the oldest of the Hindu holy books • Veda means knowledge • The Vedas include laws covering many aspects of life <p><u>The four goals - (purusharthas)</u></p> <p>For many Hindus there are four goals in human life (purusharthas); namely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moksha - the release of the soul (Atman) from the cycle of rebirth. • Dharma - the code for leading your life – including duties • Artha – Being prosperous legally – this includes earning money through doing a job beneficial to others. Earning wealth benefits the community as well as self. • Karma- this includes desire and a passion for life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrimage to the River Ganges – another form of commitment • Different deities and their characteristics – deities may be popular for different times and needs • The caste system – traditional class system of human life in India – unpopular now but still present in rural India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do I have any special books? • What are they and why are they special to me?
Key Terms and definitions	History/Context	Impact on believer/daily life
<p>Puja: worship</p> <p>Gayatri Mantra: An important prayer or mantra</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vedas are the oldest of the Holy books- respecting them and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship can take many forms and is a very personal aspect of daily life. Most Hindus
		Spiral curriculum link
		<p>This enquiry puts more detail on previous learning from Year 3 (if selected). Looking at worship will</p>

<p>Vedas: Holy books Purusharthas: the four goals Dharma: teachings</p>	<p>following the laws will help Hindus connect with their history</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There may be different views on morality and ethics based on where Hindus live 	<p>will worship every day mostly at home using a private shrine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remembering the laws in the Vedas will help Hindus respect nature as well as focus on their personal morality 	<p>need to refer to beliefs about Brahman and ways in which God is depicted in murtis and images.</p>
<p>Home learning ideas/questions: Are there any special family books? What things are we grateful for? How do we show that we are grateful?</p>			