

# National Junior C of E Primary School -

## RE Unit: God: Hinduism

Year 3

Term 1

### Unit overview / Key Questions

**God:** What do people believe about God?  
How are deities and key figures described in Hindu sacred texts and symbols?  
What might Hindus understand about the Divine through these stories? What is the purpose of visual symbols in the Mandir?

### What? Key Knowledge Key Beliefs

How are deities and key figures described in Hindu sacred texts and symbols?	Key scriptures - Vedas, Bhagavad Gita, Ramayana, Mahabharata Key themes in the Mahabharata - doing the right thing, making ethical choices Creation stories and stories about deities Concept of Trimurti - Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva. Other deities e.g. Ganesh, Lakshmi, Parvati
What might Hindus understand about the Divine through these stories?	Santana Dhama (Eternal way) - to find one's path to Brahman, being a right human being One God (Brahman), Ultimate Reality symbolized in diverse forms and images with different images and names e.g. Rama and Sita, Shiva, Ganesh

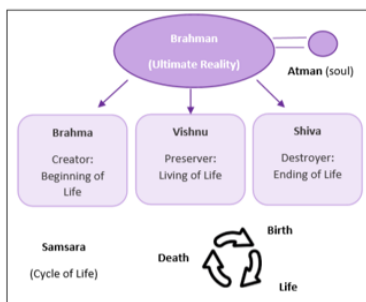
Hinduism is an umbrella term for a collection of ways of living.

Hinduism is monotheistic.

Brahman is the ultimate reality of life force.

The Hindu Trimurti represents the cycle of life and helps Hindus understand more about Brahman.

Explain that the Ramayana is an important story Hindus because it helps them understand why fulfilling your dharma (duty) is important.




### Prior Knowledge

What do people believe about God? – Christianity – story, Faith in everyday life, Personal expression, Beginning and belonging.

What do people believe about God? – Islam – story, Faith in everyday life, Personal expression, Beginning and belonging.

### Symbols and key Festivals

What is the purpose of visual symbols in the Mandir?

Lotus Flower 	Om/Aum 
Swastika 	Lingham 
Nandi 	Ganesh 
Puja Tray: Water, bell, food, incense 	Murtis 

### What? Key vocabulary

Brahman	The ultimate life force, there is a bit of Brahman in every living thing (atman)
Monotheistic	Belief in one Ultimate Reality/God
Deity (Deities)	A god or goddess; a word used to refer to the different beings that represent different aspects of Brahman
Murti	An image of one of the deities
Trimurti	Three important deities that represent the cycle of life and enable Hindus to worship Brahman
Brahma	One of the Trimurti. The Creator. Represent the beginning of life.
Vishnu	One of the Trimurti. The preserver. Represent the preserving of life.
Shiva	One of the Trimurti. The destroyer. Represents the ending of life.
Lakshmi	Deity that represents good fortune and the good things in life. Companion of Vishnu.
Aum	Hindus believe that this is the first sound made at creation. It is used in meditation and is a sacred symbol.
Atman	The eternal soul. A bit of Brahman, the ultimate reality, that can be found in every living thing.