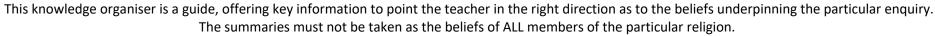


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## **Discovery RE Knowledge Organiser**





Religion / Worldview: Hinduism Enquiry Question: What is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God? Age: 9/10 Year Group: 5 Autumn 1

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
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)  Puja  • Worship can be performed alone at home or in a mandir/temple with others  • Offerings are always given to God  Vedas  • The Vedas are the oldest of the Hindu holy books  • Veda means knowledge  • The Vedas include laws covering many aspects of life  The four goals - (purusharthas)  For many Hindus there are four goals in human life (purusharthas); namely  • 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> <li>Pilgrimage to the River Ganges – another form of commitment</li> <li>Different deities and their characteristics – deities may be popular for different times and needs</li> <li>The caste system – traditional class system of human life in India – unpopular now but still present in rural India</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do I have any special books?</li> <li>What are they and why are they special to me?</li> </ul>
Key Terms and definitions	History/Context	Impact on believer/daily life	Spiral curriculum link
Puja: worship	• The Vedas are the oldest of the Holy	Worship can take many forms and is a very	This enquiry puts more detail on
Gayatri Mantra: An important prayer or	books- respecting them and	personal aspect of daily life. Most Hindus	previous learning from Year 3 (if
mantra			selected). Looking at worship will

Vedas: Holy books	following the laws will help Hindus	will worship every day mostly at home using	need to refer to beliefs about	
Purusharthas: the four goals	connect with their history	a private shrine	Brahman and ways in which God is	
Dharma: teachings	<ul> <li>There may be different views on</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Remembering the laws in the Vedas will</li> </ul>	depicted in murtis and images.	
	morality and ethics based on where	help Hindus respect nature as well as focus		
	Hindus live	on their personal morality		
Home learning ideas/questions:				
Are there any special family books? What things are we grateful for? How do we show that we are grateful?				

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