

# Subject Knowledge Organiser

## Religious Education

### Key vocabulary/glossary (spellings can vary)

|               |                                  |
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| Hindu         | A person who follow Hinduism     |
| Om            | Symbol of Hinduism               |
| Mandir        | Hindu Temple– place of worship   |
| Swami         | Hindu priest or religious leader |
| Vedas         | Ancient holy texts               |
| Puja          | Act of worship                   |
| Deity/deities | Name used for gods and goddesses |



### Hinduism

Hinduism is one of the oldest world religions. It is a mix of different beliefs and traditions It began in South East Asia over 4000 years ago.

Symbol: Om



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### Hindu Gods & Goddesses

Hindus worship many gods and goddesses to help with different needs.

Brahma is the most important God who is present in all things.

The main three Gods (Trimurti) Vishnu, Brahma and Shiva

**Brahma** — creates the universe

**Vishnu**— Protects the universe

**Shiva**—Destroys the universe (removes evil from the world)

The three main goddesses (Tridevi) are: **Saraswati** (who is linked to **Brahma**), **Lakshmi** (who is linked to **Vishnu**) and **Parvati** (who is linked to **Shiva**).



**Hinduism: Beliefs** Learning for all Hindus is important (Truth is eternal)

**Dharma**— Do the right thing (good behaviour)

**Reincarnation**— Hindus believe that a soul can't be destroyed so when you die the soul enters a living being.

### Festivals



Diwali



Holi



Rama Navmi

- Most Hindus are vegetarian or vegan
- Women wear a Sari Men wear Kurta (long white coat) and trousers (pāñijamah)
- Headwear Men wear Turbans or caps