



The Acorn Partnership

Marston Montgomery Primary School  
Long Lane C of E Primary School

## Knowledge Organiser Unit 27 What do Hindus believe God is like Year 3

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### Sticky Knowledge - What I already know

I know about the Hindu festival Diwali  
I know Hindus worship in a temple  
I have visited a Hindu temple

### Knowledge - What I will be learning

- The Hindu tradition is diverse and ever changing and according to the 2021 Census, 1.7% of the population of the UK are Hindus.
- The ultimate reality is known as **Brahman** who is the source of everything in the universe.
- The **atman** is a spark of Brahman in every living creature and the **namaste** welcome is a way of recognising the spark of Brahman inside every living creature.
- The **Aum** symbol represents Brahman but also the first sound in the creation of the universe.
- **Brahman** can be found in many different forms, known as **deities**. For many Hindus the three most important deities are known as the **Trimurti**. **Brahma** is the **creator** deity who is responsible for the creation of the universe. **Vishnu** is the **preserver** deity who maintains the universe and **Shiva** is the **destroyer** deity so that new things can begin in the cycle of life and death.
- Another important deity for Hindus is **Lakshmi**, at Diwali many Hindus will put statues of Lakshmi outside their homes in the hope that she will visit the home and bring the family good fortune for the new year

### So how does it all work?

Aum



Brahma



Vishnu



Shiva



Lakshmi

This unit builds upon Unit 3 where pupils were introduced to Hindu Dharma  
This unit sows the seeds for Units 29 and 39 that develops understanding of what it might be like to be a Hindu in Britain today,  
Hindu Dharma, Atman, Karma and Moksha

## Key Knowledge - What I will know at the end of the unit

I know how Hindus might see the world.

I know the concepts of Brahman

I know how some stories, and Hindu texts and deities exemplify qualities of Brahman

### Key Vocabulary

### Definition

**Hindu** - A person who follows Hinduism, a religion with many gods and spiritual teachings.

**Brahman** - The supreme, unchanging reality in Hinduism, believed to be the source of everything.

**Deity** - A god or goddess in a religion.

**Namaste** - A traditional greeting in Hinduism, meaning "I bow to the divine in you." It's a gesture of respect.

**Shiva** - A major god in Hinduism, known as the destroyer and transformer in the universe.

**Aum** - A sacred sound and symbol in Hinduism, representing the universe and the ultimate reality.

**Atman** - The soul or individual self in Hinduism, believed to be a part of Brahman.

**Lakshmi** - The goddess of wealth, prosperity, and good fortune in Hinduism. **Vishnu** - A major god in Hinduism, known as the protector and preserver of the universe.

**Brahma** - The god of creation in Hinduism, one of the Trimurti (three main gods: Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva).

