Unit 1 What do Hindus believe that God is like? (Brahman/Atman)

Religious Education helps pupils to make sense of religion and worldviews, reflecting on their own ideas and ways of living

Key Theological Vocabulary

- **Hindu–** A person who follows and believes in the teachings of Hinduism

- **Brahman (God)** Hindu belief in the ultimate being whose spirit is in everything

- **Puja–** a worship ritual performed by Hindus

- **Diwali** a five day festival of lights, celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains

- **Aum** symbol used in Hinduism, made up of 3 sounds. Hindus believe it was the first sound out of which the universe was created. It is used by many Hindus to represent Brahman

- **Trimurti** cycle of nature, represented by Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva

- **deity** Hindus worship a single deity/God, in Hinduism deities are called Devas and Devis and represent the forces of nature and moral values

- **Murti** a statue or image of a deity

What we will learn

Making sense of belief

- Identify some Hindu deities and say how they help Hindus describe God

- Make clear links between some stories (e.g. Svetaketu, Ganesh, Diwali) and what Hindus believe about God

- Offer informed suggestions about what Hindu murtis express about God

Making connections

- Raise questions and suggest answers about whether it is good to think about the cycle of create/preserve/destroy in the world today

- Make links between the Hindu idea of everyone having a 'spark' of God in them and ideas about the value of people in the world today, giving good reasons for their ideas

Understanding Impact

- Make simple links between beliefs about God and how Hindus live (e.g. choosing a deity and worshipping at a Home Shrine; celebrating Diwali)

- Identify some different ways in which Hindus worship

Ways of Knowing:

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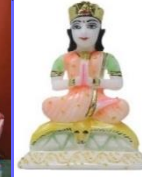
- ## Lens used

Being Theologians with Thea and Theo

Being Human and Social scientists with Hunter and Sofia

- Different aspects or sides of God
Brahma, Lakshmi, Parvati. Shiva. Vishnu (left to right).

- Trimurti:
Brahma (creation), Vishnu (preservation), Shiva Nataraja (destruction) (left to right)

Aum
A-Brahma, U-Vishnu, M, Shiva-linked together in one sound.