



St Andrew's C of E Maghull

R.E. Knowledge Organiser



Year 4 – Autumn 1 – What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

Knowledge

A lot of Hindus worship every day at home, at a shrine in their house. The shrine is usually kept in the cleanest room in the house to show respect to Brahman. All members of the family take part in daily worship.

The story of Rama and Sita shows good vs evil.

Hindus recognise four purposes (or goals) of human life, known as purusharthas.

The Hindu scripture is called the Vedas.

Hindu iconography is the art of creating paintings, statues and sculptures of Gods and Goddesses. It also includes various symbols depicting the deities, the universe, and the philosophy of life.

According to Hindu philosophy, every action (karma) has a reaction or outcome.

Mahatma Ghandi was a Hindu who is thought to be the first person to use non-violence on a national scale to achieve political aims.

Vocabulary

Brahman - in Hindu belief, the absolute reality that is the true essence of all existence, God

Murti – a statue or image of a god or goddess

Deity - god or goddess.

Puja - daily Hindu worship.

Aarti – part of puja where a candle or oil lamp is lit.

Dharma - the aim of carrying out spiritual duties, worshipping, learning and devoting oneself to the gods and goddesses.

Kama - the aim of enjoying the good things in life – love, desire and pleasure.

Artha - the aim of success in work – earning money, providing for a family and doing a good job.

Moksha - the aim of liberation. It is a blissful state where the *atman* (body, mind, soul) is no longer *reincarnated* but becomes totally one with *Brahman*.

Lesson Sequence

Lesson 1: I can describe how Hindus show faith within their home and family.

Lesson 2: I can retell the story of Rama and Sita.

Lesson 3: I can reflect on the 4 purposes of Hindu life (purusharthas).

Lesson 4: I can describe how Hindus show faith in their communities.

Lesson 5: I can describe how Hindus make a difference in the worldwide community.

Lesson 6: I can present ideas about what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today.

