

## KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Year 4 RE

### Hinduism - Main beliefs and festivals

#### Key beliefs

**Creation:** Brahma created the heavens, the earth and the sky by dividing a lotus flower into three parts; and humans by dividing his own body.

**Brahman:** The Supreme Being or World Soul.

**The Cycle of Life:** Hindus believe that their souls are reborn in an eternal cycle of birth, life, death and rebirth.

**The Trimurti:** The three most important gods carrying out the work of Brahman. They are:

Brahma - The Creator (birth and rebirth) Vishnu - The Preserver (life)  
Shiva - The Destroyer (death)

**Karma:** Actions have consequences creating a chain of cause and effect. One's deeds in this life determine the conditions of one's next life.

**Samsara:** The soul moves through a series of steps to enlightenment depending upon Karma.

**Gods and Goddesses:** There are thousands of different gods and goddesses with different names, powers, and incarnations (appearances) called Avatars.

#### Holi festival



Holi is called the Festival of Colour.

It is a national holiday in India, but is now celebrated all over the world.

It is held in March, and it marks the beginning of Spring. It symbolises new life.

The community and family come together to celebrate.

#### Diwali (festival of light)

Diwali is a five day festival celebrated by millions of Hindus across the world.

It is a festival of new beginnings and celebrates the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.

It is usually held in October or November.

The story of Rama and Sita is connected to Diwali.

