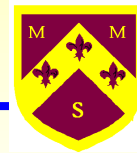




Knowledge Organiser RE

Lower Key Stage 2

Do Murtis help Hindus understand God?



Key Vocabulary

Hinduism

Hindu

Murtis

Deities

Mandir [Hindu temple]

Supreme Deity/God-

Brahman

Tridevi-Vishnu, Braham
and Shiva.

Trimurti- Saraswati,
Lakshmi and Shakti.

Key Questions

How do the Murtis help Hindus understand God?

Why do Hindus think the Murtis are important?

How do Hindus use Murtis in worship in the home and at the Mandir?

Does it matter that not all Hindus worship all the deities?

What do you find spiritual or inspiring about the Murtis?

Key Content

Most Hindus believe that there is one supreme Deity or God - **Brahman**. The other Gods of Hinduism, known as deities are different expressions of Braham. The Gods are **Vishnu, Braham and Shiva**. They are known as the **Trimurti**: the three aspects of the universal supreme God. Each member of the Trimurti has a wife or consort. They are known as the **Tridevi** and are equally as important: **Saraswati, Lakshmi and Shakti**. There are other deities for example **Ganesha**, who has a human body and an elephant's head and is believed to bring wisdom and good fortune.

Murtis are the colourful figures and pictures of the **deities** found at Hindu shrines and temples. These figures usually form the focus for prayer, as they are believed to be filled with spirit of the god they represent. Each **Murti** represents one of the deities and can be identified by the symbols surrounding them as well as certain physical features. Many of the deities are believed to have come to earth in human and animal forms.

The Trimurti

Brahma-the God of Creation



Vishnu-the protector of the universe



Shiva-the God of Destruction



The Tridevi

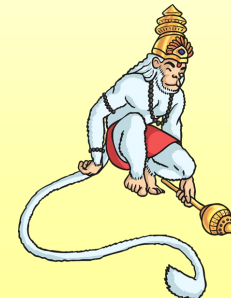
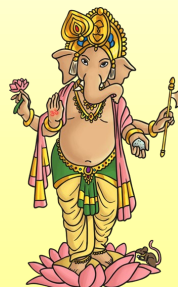
Saraswati-the Goddess of Knowledge and arts



Lakshmi-the Goddess of wealth and purity



Shakti-the Goddess of nature



1. Vaya, 2. Surya, 3. Indra,
4. Ganesha, 5. Agni,
6. Hanuman