

RE Term 1 Knowledge Organiser - What do Hindus believe God is like?

Key Vocabulary	
Trimurti	The three aspects of the universal supreme God (Brahman, Vishnu and Shiva).
Aum	Symbolises the Universe and the ultimate reality. It is the most important Hindu symbols.
Brahman	The God of creation and supreme spirit of all life.
Vishnu	Vishnu is the second God in the Hindu Trimurti. The preserver.
Shiva	Shiva is the third God in the Trimurti. The destroyer.
Deity	A god or goddess.
Mandir	A Hindu temple.
Diwali	The word Diwali means 'rows of lighted lamps'. Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights'.
Murti	A sacred image or depiction of a deity.
Reincarnation	A religious belief that the soul or spirit, after biological death, begins a new life.



Diwali is an important Hindu festival.

It is known as the 'festival of light' and celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.

It is celebrated over five days.

1. Dhanteras (day of fortune)
2. Naraka Chaturdasi (day of knowledge)
3. Diwali (day of light)
4. Padwa (New Year)
5. Bhai Dooj (day of love between siblings)

Hindu Gods and Goddesses.

The Trimurti (the Hindu Trinity) consists of **Brahman** the Creator, **Vishnu** the Preserver, and **Shiva** the Destroyer.