

## YEAR 4 HINDUISM KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

### KEY VOCABULARY AND SPELLINGS

Veda – the sacred scriptures

Bhagvad Gita – the holy book

Brahman – The creator, the one true God for Hindus, who has many different forms

Vishnu – the preserver

Shiva – the destroyer

Saraswati – the female energy of Brahman

Lakshmi – the female energy of Vishnu

Parvati – the female energy of Shiva

Diwali – the festival of lights

Karma – the energy the Atman creates in each life

Avatar – the form in which a god appears on Earth

Om – the sacred sound and symbol for Brahman

Pilgrimage – a journey, especially a long one, or moral or spiritual significance

River Ganges – a river flowing in India, which Hindus believe is holy

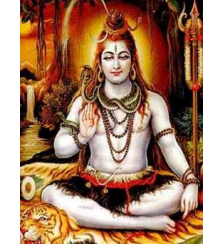
Dharma – means duty, the idea of ‘living in the right way’

**GODS** The name for the Hindu God is Brahman. He is a powerful force and has many different roles and sides to his personality.

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### DIWALI

An annual celebration, where the importance of new beginnings, food, decorations and specific preparations are made to encourage Lakshmi to visit and bring wealth and good fortune for the year ahead. It is known as the festival of lights and houses, shops and some public places are decorated with small oil lamps called diyas. Hindus celebrate the festival by spring-cleaning their home, wearing new clothes, exchanging gifts, decorating with lights and having firework displays.

### RANGOLI

- Rangoli patterns are created on the floor near entrances during special occasions and festivals. They are created using flower petals, coloured sand, dry flour or coloured rice. The patterns created can be based on nature including petals, flowers and leaves or can be geometric shapes.



**PUJA** Most Hindus have a small shrine in their home where they worship daily. This worship is called Puja. The shrine will contain at least one image (murti) of their gods and also have a puja tray which holds different items: bell, kum kum powder, water container, prashad (offerings), incense holder and a diva lamp.

