| **Religious Education:** | **Year 5** | **Autumn 1** | **Enquiry Question:** What is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God? | **Religion:** Hinduism |
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| In this enquiry, you will look at aspects of how Hindus worship. You will consider ways in which commitment is shown and the beliefs behind the symbols and actions. |
| **What we will learn:** | **Link to other aspects of belief** | **Personal connection** |
| * Hindus believe in Brahman as the one true God who is formless, limitless, all-inclusive, and eternal.
* Puja
	+ Worship can be performed alone at home or in a mandir/temple with others
	+ Offerings are always given to God
* Vedas
	+ The Vedas are the oldest of the Hindu holy books
	+ Veda means knowledge
	+ The Vedas include laws covering many aspects of life
* The four goals - (purusharthas)
	+ For many Hindus there are four goals in human life (purusharthas); namely
	+ Moksha - the release of the soul (Atman) from the cycle of rebirth.
	+ Dharma - the code for leading your life – including duties
	+ Artha – Being prosperous legally – this includes earning money through doing a job beneficial to others. Earning wealth benefits the community as well as self.
	+ Karma- this includes desire and a passion for life
 | * Pilgrimage to the River Ganges – another form of commitment
* Different deities and their characteristics – deities may be popular for different times and needs
* The caste system – traditional class system of human life in India – unpopular now but still present in rural India
 | * Do I have any special books?
* What are they and why are they special to me?
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| **Impact on believer/daily life** |
| * Worship can take many forms and is a very personal aspect of daily life. Most Hindus will worship every day mostly at home using a private shrine.
* Remembering the laws in the Vedas will help Hindus respect nature as well as focus on their personal morality.
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| **Key Vocabulary** |
| **Puja:** worship ritual performed by Hindus, Buddhists and Jains to offer devotional homage and prayer to one or more deities | **Dharma**: the doctrine (teachings), the universal truth common to all individuals at all times, proclaimed by the Buddha. | **Gayatri Mantra**: one of the oldest and most powerful mantras / prayer. An important prayer or mantra | **Purusharthas:** the four goals. The inherent values of the universe. Moksha, Artha, Kama, Dharma |
| **Vedas:** Holy books   | **Puja Tray:** during worship, Hindus use many items, which are kept on a Puja tray. (bell, pot of water, a diva lamp, an incense burner, a pot of kum kum powder and a spoon) | **Karma:** Desire and passion for life |
| **Home learning ideas/questions:** If we have ever been to an event at or visited a place of worship (a church or building from another religion) what did we feel about it? Do we have special places we go as a family/household because they have special significance to us? What are they and why are they special? |