



# Jigsaw RE Knowledge Organiser



This knowledge organiser is a guide, offering key information to point the teacher in the right direction as to the beliefs underpinning the particular enquiry. The summaries must not be taken as the beliefs of ALL members of the particular religion.

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| <b>Religion /Worldview:</b> Sanatana Dharma  | <b>Enquiry Question:</b> What is the best way for a Sanatani to show commitment to God? | <b>Age:</b> 9-12 <b>Enquiry 1</b> |
| In this unit, the children look at aspects of how Sanatanis worship. They consider ways in which commitment is shown and the beliefs behind the symbols and actions. |   |                                   |

| <b>Core Knowledge</b> (see also background information documents)   | <b>Link to other aspects of belief</b>   | <b>Personal connection / resonance</b>   |  |
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| <p>Sanatanis believe in Brahman as the one true God who is formless, limitless, all-inclusive, and eternal. This enquiry introduces the following aspects of Sanatani belief – Puja, Gayatri Mantra, Vedas, The four goals - (purusharthas) - Dharma (teaching)</p> <p><u>Puja</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship can be performed alone at home or in a mandir/temple with others</li> <li>• Offerings are always given to God</li> </ul> <p><u>Vedas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Vedas are the oldest of the Sanatani holy books</li> <li>• Veda means knowledge</li> <li>• The Vedas include laws covering many aspects of life</li> </ul> <p><u>The four goals - (purusharthas)</u></p> <p>For many Sanatanis there are four goals in human life (purusharthas); namely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moksha - the release of the soul (Atman) from the cycle of rebirth.</li> <li>• Dharma - the code for leading your life – including duties</li> <li>• Artha – Being prosperous legally – this includes earning money through doing a job beneficial to others. Earning wealth benefits the community as well as self.</li> <li>• Karma- this includes desire and a passion for life</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilgrimage to the Ganges – another form of commitment</li> <li>• Different deities and their characteristics – deities may be popular for different times and needs</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do I have any special books?</li> <li>• What are they and why are they special to me?</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>Key Terms and definitions</b>  | <b>History/Context</b>   | <b>Impact on believer/daily life</b>   | <b>Spiral curriculum link</b>  |
| <p><b>Puja:</b> worship</p> <p><b>Gayatri Mantra:</b> An important prayer or mantra</p> <p><b>Vedas:</b> Holy books</p> <p><b>Purusharthas:</b> the four goals</p> <p><b>Dharma:</b> teachings</p> <p><b>Pilgrimage:</b> journey or visit to a sacred place – in this case the Ganges</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Vedas are the oldest of the Holy books- respecting them and following the laws will help Sanatanis connect with their history</li> <li>• There may be different views on morality and ethics based on where Sanatanis live</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship can take many forms and is a very personal aspect of daily life. Most Sanatanis will worship every day mostly at home using a private shrine</li> <li>• Remembering the laws in the Vedas will help Sanatanis respect nature as well as focus on their personal morality</li> </ul> | <p>This enquiry puts more detail on previous learning from 7-9 (if selected). Looking at worship will need to refer to beliefs about Brahman and ways in which God is depicted in murtis and images.</p> |

**Home learning ideas/questions:** Are there any special family books? What things are we grateful for? How do we show that we are grateful?