

# Year 4 - What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

## Knowledge Organiser



### Key Knowledge

#### What I am going to learn...

- Hindus believe that:
  - God exists in everything so it is important to respect all living things. Hindu's are vegetarians.
  - Life is a cycle of birth, death and rebirth.
  - Every action we make has an effect or consequence called Karma.
  - Deity means god, Hindus believe in one god that can take the form of many different deities. Worship of God helps to lighten the mind – light removes darkness.
  - Hindu life: what is important?
- 4 key concepts Kama, Dharma, Moksha, Artha.
- You must follow your aims and duties to stay on your life's path and follow the journey.
  - Why is Mahatma Gandhi a Hindu hero?
- Very influential man from a career in law, to political campaigner tackling injustice wherever he found it, to simple man of peace and spirituality. He did not believe in using violence to solve problems.
  - What is it like to be a Hindu in Britain today?
- Indian food is a good way to show how well Indian cultures have fitted into British life.
- Diwali is celebrated heavily in England.
  - Hinduism** is the oldest of the world's religions. It is now practised all over the world but originated in South East Asia. It is a mix of different beliefs, cultures and traditions dating back over 4000 years.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
<b>Hindu</b>	Someone who follows Hinduism
<b>Brahman</b>	Hindu's recognise one God, Brahman
<b>Dharma</b>	Religious or moral duty
<b>Deity</b>	The word in English often used for Hindu gods and goddesses. Deity means God
<b>Mandir</b>	A special place for Hindu's to worship. A Hindu temple
<b>Puja</b>	Act of worship for Hindu's
<b>Murtis</b>	Special statues or images of Hindu Gods and Goddesses
<b>Shrine</b>	A holy place to pray
<b>Aarti</b>	Light, which removes darkness
<b>Bhajans</b>	Hindu worship songs
<b>Moksha</b>	Moksha is the ultimate goal. It happens when a soul stops being reincarnated and is reunited with Brahman
<b>Reincarnation</b>	Hindu's believe a soul cannot be destroyed, so when a Hindu dies, their soul enters a new living being
<b>Karma</b>	The sum of a person's actions that decides their future fate
<b>Holi</b>	A festival of colours that marks the beginning of Spring with bonfires and lots of singing and dancing. Old rubbish is burnt to mark a fresh start and colour is thrown on people
<b>Diwali</b>	A festival of lights celebrated in late Autumn, Diwali celebrates good's victory over evil with lots of lights around the home. Fireworks, presents and new clothes are used to celebrate

### Possible Experiences (things I could do at home to help)

- Children to write and draw four special things that are important to them; who or what and why?
- Hinduism has a rich musical tradition. There are many 'bhajans', worship songs, devoted to different deities, some fast and upbeat, some peaceful and meditative, listen to some here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ac2580Gp8qA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ac2580Gp8qA)
- How do they make you feel?



### Useful Websites

Exploring the Hindu Faith  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02n5xjZ>  
 The Hindu festival of Holi  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/holi-the-spring-festival/zkkygwx>  
 The Hindu festival of Diwali  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/diwali-the-hindu-festival-of-light/z668qp3>