

RE What do Hindus believe about the way they live their life? Year 6 Autumn Term

New Vocabulary		Crucial Knowledge
Dharma	Duty, by fulfilling their dharma Hindus believe they will attain moksha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brahman is represented in the form of many deities. God In the Hindu Dharma all animals and humans have a spark of Brahman inside them and this is called atman. Hindus believe that when they die they are reincarnated from one living creature to another. Hindus believe that positive actions lead to good karma and negative actions lead to bad karma and these will have consequences in the next life. Hindus can achieve Moksha – which is a break from the cycle of birth, death and reincarnation (Samsara) – if they live a good life. Then they are at one with Brahman (God)
Samsara	the cycle of life, death and rebirth	
Brahman	a formless, ultimate reality, one energy or consciousness in the universe, the source of everything	
Deity	Brahman channelled into different forms	
Ahimsa	the belief not to cause harm to any living creature	
Moksha	the release from the cycle of life, death and rebirth	
Karma	the total of all a person's actions which decides their future existence	
Duty	an obligation you have because of who you are	
Atman	the spark of Brahman in every living creature	
Reincarnation	the rebirth of the atman in another body	

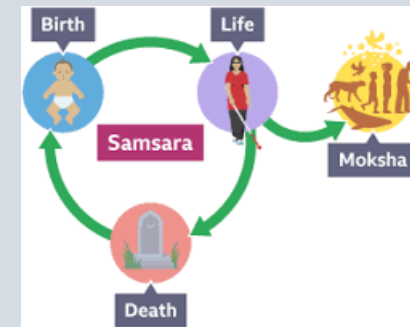
Diagrams



This is the Hindu Aum symbol. It is used to calm the mind of Hindus when they are worshipping.



Brahman is the Hindu god of creation. Hindus want to live a good life so they can be at one with Brahman.



Hindus believe in a cycle of birth, death and re-incarnation – called Samsara. If they live good lives they can achieve Moksha, where they become at one with Brahman.