

Year 4 Knowledge Organiser spring 1 Hinduism Part 2: What does it mean to live as a Hindu?

VOCABULARY

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| Hinduism | One of the world’s oldest religions – more than 4,000 years old. |
| Hindu | Followers of the religion of Hinduism. Many Hindus live in India and other Asian countries, like Nepal and Indonesia. But there are also a lot of Hindus who live in Europe, North America and Africa. |
| Brahman | The one God in Hinduism. |
| Murti | A sacred image/statue of a deity or person in Indian culture. |
| Trimurti | Three main Hindu deities – Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva |
| Mandir | An Indian word for temple, where many Hindus worship. |
| Shrine | A place that has a holy statue or image of a Hindu deity which is used for prayer. |
| Mandir | A place where Hindus worship which is also called a temple. |
| Vedas | A religious text. |
| Puja | The main Hindu form of worship. It means ‘giving respect’. |
| Mantra | Chanting during prayer to summon the deity's attention. |
| Prasad/ Prashad | Blessed food which is eaten once worship has finished. |
| Reincarnation | The Hindu belief that when they die they leave their body and enter another. Hindus believe that they pass through many lives as a human, animal or plant. Hindus believe this goes on until they are reunited with Brahma. |
| Dharma | A sacred code of behaviour. A person's duty to do the right thing in any situation |
| Karma | The law of cause or effect. Every action we take will have consequences – positive and negative. |
| Moksha | The freeing of the soul from the cycle of death and rebirth when the soul reunites with the God Brahma. |
| Samsara | The cycle of birth, life, death and reincarnation |
| Duties | Tasks to be done that are your responsibility. |
| Rangoli | In Hindu tradition, Rangoli is a colourful design made on the floor near the entrance of a house. It is traditionally created using coloured rice powder. |

Aum – a special sign for God, often seen in Hindu homes and places of worship.



Rangoli patterns