

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/<br>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