

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

VOCABULARY

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.
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