



Subject Theme Overview **Year 6** **Charlton Kings Junior School**

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What should I already know?

- Brahman (God) is the ultimate being for Hindus. Brahman appears in many different forms and his spirit is in everything.
- There are duties that a Hindu should follow in life.
- Hindus show their faith in family and community rituals and worship.

What should I know by the end of the unit?

Make sense of beliefs:

- Identify and explain Hindu beliefs, e.g. *dharma, karma, samsara, moksha*.
- Give meanings for the story of the man in the well and explain how it relates to Hindu beliefs about *samsara, moksha*, etc.

Understand the impact:

- Make clear connections between Hindu beliefs about *dharma, karma, samsara* and *moksha* and ways in which Hindus live.
- Connect the four Hindu aims of life and the four stages of life with beliefs about *dharma, karma, moksha*, etc.
- Give evidence and examples to show how Hindus put their beliefs into practice in different ways.

Make connections

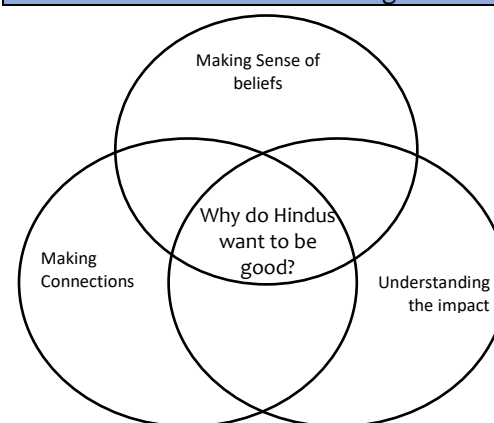
- Make connections between Hindu beliefs studied (e.g. *karma* and *dharma*), and explain how and why they are important to Hindus.
- Reflect on and articulate what impact belief in *karma* and *dharma* might have on individuals and the world, recognising different points of view.

What will I learn about?

I will learn about:

- Hinduism as a diverse religion. Beliefs (such as *dharma, karma, samsara* and *moksha*) can be described in a range of ways.
- The Hindu story ‘The Man in the Well’ from the Mahabharata.
- Karma – the law of cause and effect.
- Samsara – the cycle of life, death and rebirth travelled by the *atman* towards *moksha*.
- Hindus may describe life as a journey with different life stages. There are different *dharma*s at different life stages.
- Values and beliefs make a difference to Hindus and the role they play in the world-wide community.
- Mahatma Gandhi as an example of Hindus making a difference.

How do these ideas work together?



Key Vocabulary	
Deities	Gods and goddesses
Brahman	God, the ultimate being. Hindus believe that there is a part of Brahman in everything.
Dharma	The religious and moral duties a Hindu should follow in their life.
Samsara	The cycle of birth, death and rebirth that Hindus believe in.
Reincarnation	The rebirth of a soul in another body.
Moksha	The release from the cycle of birth, death and rebirth
The Man in the Well	This story from the Mahabharata warns Hindus that they should pay attention to finding the way to escape the cycle of birth, death and rebirth.
Atman	The spark within a person. It refers to the real person inside an individual. It is made of part of the spirit of Brahman. Inner soul or self.