

## RE Knowledge Organiser: Why do Hindus try to be good? (U2.7) Willow Class

### Learning focus points

- Recall learning about Brahman (God, Ultimate Reality) and atman (eternal self)
- Explore the Hindu story, 'the man in the well'
- Explore the Hindu ideas of karma, samsara and moksha
- Explore Hindu ideas about the four main aims of life
- Look at the different duties Hindus have at the four stages of life
- Consider some Hindu values and how they make a difference to Hindu life
- Find out about some ways in which Hindus make a difference in the world-wide community
- Consider the value of the idea of karma and reincarnation

### Learning Outcomes

**Make sense of belief:** Identify and explain Hindu beliefs, e.g. dharma, karma, samsara, moksha, using technical terms accurately.

**Understand the impact:** Connect the four Hindu aims of life and the four stages of life with beliefs about dharma, karma, moksha

**Make connections:** Reflect on and articulate what impact belief in karma and dharma might have on individuals and the world, recognising different points of view.

New vocabulary	Definitions
Brahman	God, ultimate reality
karma	The law of cause and effect
dharma	Religious or moral duty
samsara	The cycle of life and death and rebirth
moksha	Liberation from the cycle of birth and rebirth
atman	The eternal self - all living things have one and so deserved to be treated well
reincarnation	Rebirth after death - the form taken is determined by karma in previous life
Mahabharata	The longest Indian epic poem.
purusharthas	The four aims of life
ashramas	The four stages of life:

### The Law Of Samsara - Reincarnation

#### KARMA

The amount of good works/ actions, following your **DHARMA** (duty) that you perform. The more good Karma you build up in your **ATMAN** (Soul) during your life, the better your rebirth.



If your atman has better Karma than the previous life then you will be reborn into a higher life form. EVENTUALLY your Atman will not be reborn into another body. You will achieve

#### MOKSHA

– release from Samsara and be at one with Brahman.

A continual cycle of birth-death-rebirth