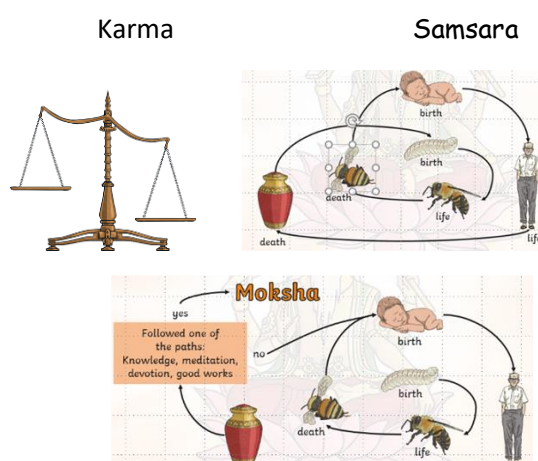


Religious Education Knowledge Organiser – Hinduism

Key Enquiry Question: Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives?

Learning Objective

- We are learning to understand the impact of certain beliefs on a Hindu's life.



Key Vocabulary	Meaning
Consequences	a result or effect
Karma	a word meaning the result of a person's actions as well as the actions themselves. It is a term about the cycle of cause and effect
Samsara	Samsara means going through the cycle of repeated births and deaths (reincarnation).
Moksha	the release of the soul (Atman) from the cycle of rebirth. The individual soul (Atman) unites with Brahman the universal soul.
Brahman	Brahman is the source of all existence and is present in everything and every place.

Sticky Knowledge

- Hindus believe in karma. This is the idea that for every action, there is a reaction or consequence. If you are kind and considerate, you will have good karma; however, if you are selfish, you will have bad karma. This will affect how you will live in the next life.
- Hindus believe in reincarnation (Samsara). Reincarnation is the belief that life is a cycle of birth, life, death and rebirth. When a person dies, they are then reborn as another living thing. This cycle can go on for thousands of lifetimes. Hindus believe that existence of this cycle is governed by Karma.
- The release of the soul (Atman) from the cycle of rebirth. The individual soul (Atman) unites with Brahman the universal soul. The ultimate aim of Hinduism is to leave the cycle of rebirth and become one with the god Brahma. This is called Moksha.