

Year 2

Autumn Term

Reincarnation

Shri Venkateswara,
Birmingham

Name of religion: Hinduism

Holy book: Gita

Name of people who study religion: Hindus

Place of worship: Mandir (Hindu Temple)



Hindu festivals

Diwali —
Festival of Light



Holi — Festival
of Colour



Key knowledge for this unit

- Hindu's believe in reincarnation. Their beliefs include: everything alive has an Atman, the Atman is what we truly are, not the body, the Atman is eternal, when someone dies the Atman leaves the body and after a while the Atman returns in a newly born body.
- Hindu's believe reincarnation happens many times, and will only stop when the Atman has reach perfection and is then able to leave this world forever and become reunited with Brahman (one Supreme God).
- Moksha is when the Atman achieves perfection and escapes reincarnation.

Vocabulary you will use:

Word	Definition
reincarnation	A dead person's soul returns to life in another body
atman	The inner self or soul
moksha	Obtaining release from reincarnation and attaining the ultimate goal of salvation

Quotes

The Bhagavad Gita
2: 22

As a man leaves an old garment and puts on one that is new, the spirit leaves his mortal body and wanders on to one that is new. **What does this mean? What do you think about this?**

Artefacts



Stories

The birth of Krishna

The escape of Krishna

Questions we'll ask you throughout the unit to check your knowledge and understanding.

What are the 5 beliefs Hindu's have about reincarnation?

Can you explain 'Moksha'?

When do Hindu's believe reincarnation will stop?

Explain the meaning of Atman?

How does the Atman become united with Brahman?

Describe the similarities and differences between the "snakes and ladders" game and Karma/Moksha?