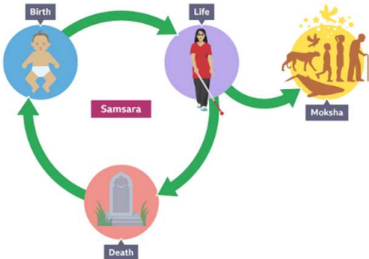




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Religious Education:	Year 5	Summer 1	Enquiry Question: Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives? Religion: Hinduism
In this enquiry, you will look at the key beliefs concerning the cycle of life, death and rebirth. You will also consider the importance of doing good deeds.			
What we will learn:		Link to other aspects of belief	Personal connection
This enquiry looks at some key concepts surrounding the cycle of life, death and reincarnation - Samsara – Hindus believe in reincarnation, the cycle of rebirth – a belief that the soul lives many lifetimes, in one body after another. - Karma – Karma can be translated as actions and in a broad sense explains that our actions have consequences. - Hindus believe that the soul passes through a cycle of many lives and the next life is always dependent on how the previous life was lived. - Moksha – The spiritual goal of a Hindu is to become one with Brahman. - Moksha is linked closely to karma as the actions a person undertakes have a direct influence on their next life, so to achieve Moksha, good Karma must be accumulated. - Some Hindus separate themselves from ordinary life to pursue a spiritual journey		- Link Karma to the actions of Prince Rama in the Ramayana story – celebrated at Divali - Pilgrimage to the Ganges – would it bring good karma?	- What good actions could I do? - What might happen if I do good things? - Will it help me if I do good things? - Why is it important to not always expect a reward? - What do I think happens at the end of life?
Key Vocabulary		Impact on believer/daily life	
Karma: actions and in particular the consequences of our actions in this life and the next		- The cycle of rebirth should be in a Hindu's mind each day as everything we do will have a consequence either in this life or the next - This belief would also prompt Hindus to help others around them be the best they can be – to help them attain the best situation next time.	
Samsara: the cycle of life including birth, life, death and rebirth			
Moksha: the final release from the cycle of rebirth – to join with Brahman			
Sadhu: a Holy man – usually one who has turned away from ordinary life to concentrate on spiritual matters			
Home learning ideas/questions: How could we help each other? How could we help others around us? How could we help people we do not know, who are in need?			