



Class Tamar

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What does it mean to be a
Hindu in Britain today?

Dharma

We were introduced to the word ***dharma*** – this describes a Hindu's whole way of life. Dharma means 'duties' in Hinduism. We learnt what the duties are.

Some of these link really well to our school values!

We were reminded of daily Puja, which links to one of the Hindu dharma. We illustrated our own puja trays.

1. Not getting angry.

2. Being truthful in speech.

3. Working for justice.

4. Forgiving people.

5. Having children when you are married.

4. Trying not to quarrel

7. Living a simple life.

8. Looking after your family.

9. Fulfilling religious duties.

10. Study the scriptures.



We were introduced to the word 'karma'. A lot of us had heard of the phrase: '*what goes around comes around*'? Which links really well to the idea of karma. We learnt that eventually, their karma dictates what life they will be born into next. When a Hindu is born into a new life, this is called: 'reincarnation'.

Karma

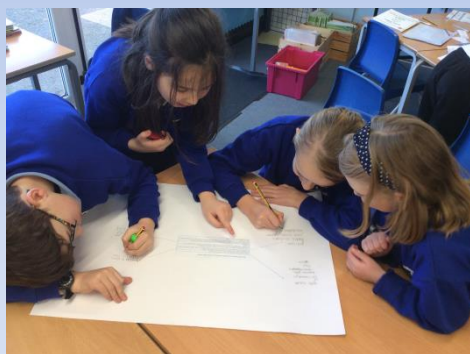
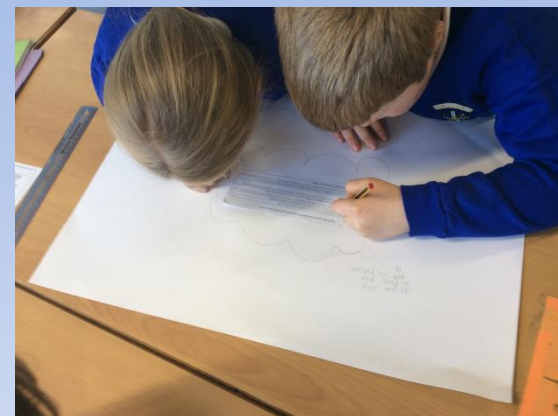
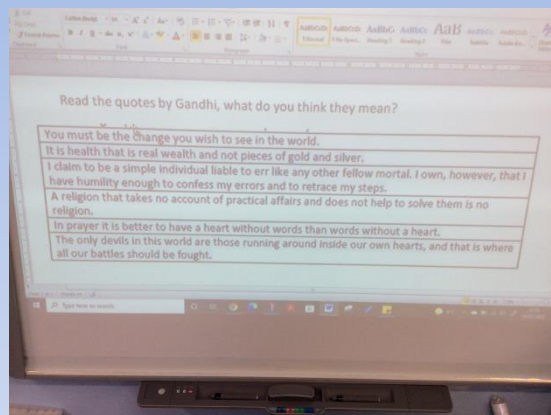
It's like a reward chart, every good thing Hindus do they get good karma. Any bad thing will get bad karma.



We learnt about why Mahatma Gandhi a Hindu hero.
We looked at some famous quotes from Gandhi and reflected on what we thought those meant.

Ghandi worked hard for justice, just like one of the Hindu dharma.

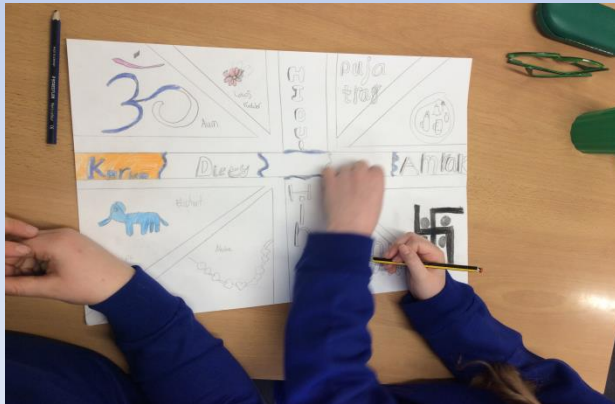
I like how Ghandi would only do peaceful protests. It isn't fair when things get violent.



We learnt about Indian wedding traditions and how this compares to a Christian wedding. We discussed why it is important for Hindus to still have these traditions for their wedding here in Great Britain.



It's important that Hindus still have a traditional Indian wedding even if they live in Britain, it's an important part of their religion.



We reflected on the unit question: What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today? And made posters of the British flag made up of quotes and symbols linked to Hinduism.

What I have learnt before:

Different faiths and communities have different ways of making a promise to love and look after each other.

Different people belong to different religions and some people are not part of a religious community.



Om: Om or Om is a sacred sound and a spiritual symbol in Indian religions.

Knowledge within Hinduism

The word dharma describes a Hindu's way of life, there is no separation between their religious, social and moral duties.

Hinduism originated near the Indus River in India. The name 'Hindu' comes from the word Indus. [links to prior learning – The Indus Valley]

Diwali means "row of lights", and celebrates the story of Rama and Sita's return home from 14 years of exile. It also marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year. The children will welcome lots of visitors and give and receive presents.

Exciting Books



Subject Specific Vocabulary

Hindu	Hinduism is an Indian religion and dharma, or way of life.
deity	Deity or God is a supernatural being considered divine or sacred.
Ganesh	<u>Ganesh</u> , or Ganesh, also known as Ganespati and <u>Vinayaka</u> , is one of the best known and most worshipped deities in Hinduism.
<u>Murtis</u>	<u>Murti</u> is a general term for an image, statue or idol of a deity or mortal in Indian culture.
shrine	A holy or sacred site dedicated to a specific deity, ancestor, hero, martyr, saint or similar figure of respect wherein they are worshipped.
worship	The feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity.
Diwali	The Hindu festival of lights, usually lasting five days and celebrated during the Hindu Lunisolar month Kartika.
dharma	a Hindu's way of life, there is no separation between their religious, social and moral duties.

Skills

- Describe how Hindus share their faith within their families in Britain today.
- Describe how Hindus show their faith within their communities in Britain today.
- Identify some different ways in which Hindus show their faith.
- Make links between Hindu practices and the idea that Hinduism is a whole 'way of life' (dharma)
- Raise questions and suggest answers about what is good about being a Hindu in Britain today.

Our Endpoint

Culture Capital: Learning about different religions will foster positive attitudes towards diversity within and between people of the same and different religions and people who live without religion.

To discuss and reflect on the question: What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?