

**Lincolnshire Locally Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education**  
**KS2 Compulsory Unit: Being Human (Hinduism)**

- *How do Hindus reflect their faith in the way they live?*
- *What is karma and how does it drive the cycle of samsara?*
- *How might a Hindu seek to achieve moksha?*
- *How do beliefs impact on action: expectations of behaviour, ways in which people act, examples of contemporary individuals?*

- Recap of key beliefs (see *KS2 Compulsory Unit: God - Hinduism*): **Brahman**, the **Trimurti**, **samsara**, **atman**, **karma**, **moksha**, **dharma**
- The key importance of **dharma** (duty) and the way in which it relates to beliefs about **samsara**, the **atman** and **moksha**; duty to self, **Brahman** (and the deities as expressions of what Brahman is like), fellow human beings, other living beings (things with an **atman**), society
- Ways in which a Hindu may try and fulfil their **dharma** (duty): carrying out good actions (**karma**) and avoiding bad actions (**karma**)
- **Ahimsa** – the principle of non-violence; the way in which this relates to beliefs about **ahimsa**, **samsara**, **moksha** and **karma**; vegetarianism in Hinduism
- The role of yoga, meditation and renunciation in helping Hindus focus on **Brahman** and their **dharma**; **sadhus** and **sadhvi** (men and women who have renounced worldly life)
- **Satsang** (togetherness) – the importance of the family, the community and society in thinking about one’s **dharma** (duty)

Examples of Hindus and the way they lived their lives, e.g. Mahatma Gandhi (guided by the principle of **ahimsa**), A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and his connection with the Hare Krishna movement (a form of Hinduism focused on Krishna, one of the **avatars** of Vishnu) and Bhaktivedanta Manor in Hertfordshire; Dev Patel, a British actor, and his involvement in depictions of India and Hinduism, e.g. *Slumdog Millionaire*; Meera Syal, a British comedian, and her depictions of Hindu family life and culture through her comedy and TV shows, e.g. *The Kumars at No.42* and *Goodness Gracious Me*