

What do I already know?

In Explorers, I learned...

- We are all special in our own way – people help us, people give us advice and some people do things for us.
- Vicars and priests are important to some Christian believers as they teach us about the word of God.

In Philosophers, I learned...

- Hindus worship together at a mandir or temple where Puja is performed.
- There are many shrines inside the temple. Going to worship at a shrine is like visiting the gods and goddesses.
- Hindu worshippers ring a bell at the shrine to awaken God. Prayers are said and offerings such as food are made.
- During worship, the aarti lamp is lit and offered to the deity. It is then seen as having become filled with the deity’s blessings and energy.

What will I now learn?

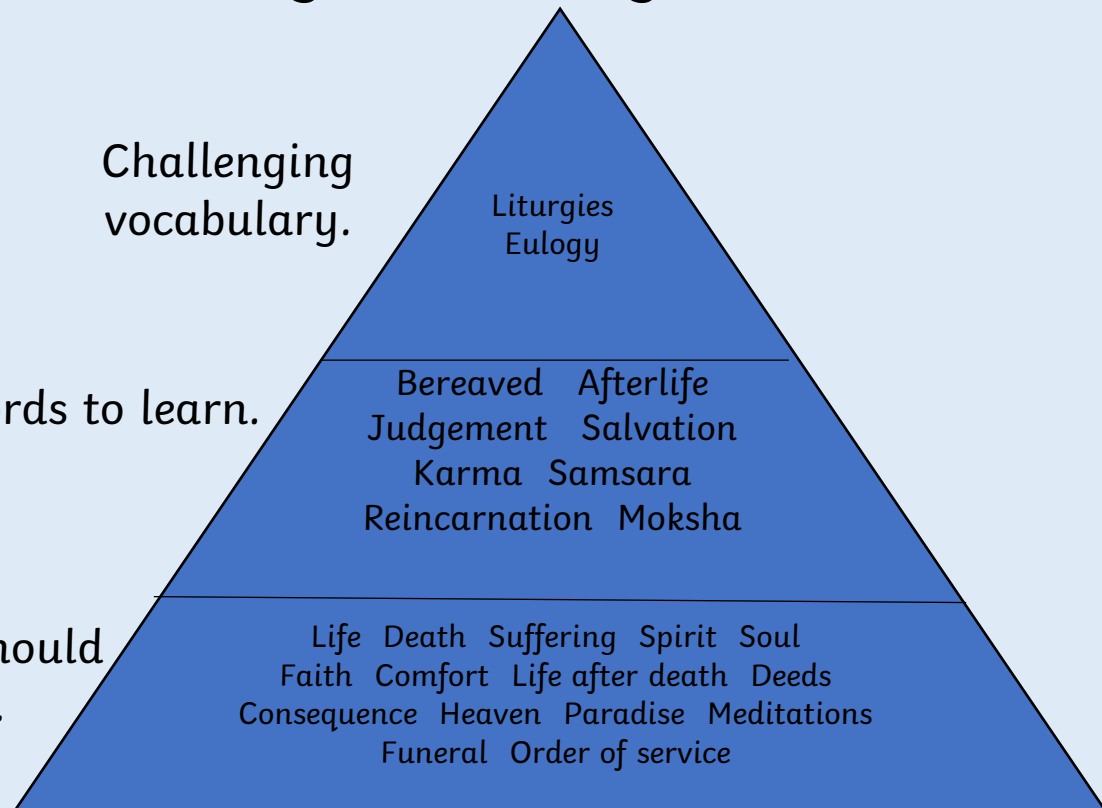
- Express ideas about how and why religion can help believers when times are hard, giving examples (B2).
- Outline Christian, Hindu and/or nonreligious beliefs about life after death (A1).
- Explain some similarities and differences between beliefs about life after death (B2).
- Explain some reasons why Christians and Humanists have different ideas about an afterlife (B3).

Key Vocabulary:

Challenging vocabulary.

Words to learn.

Words I should know.



Sticky Knowledge:

- **Soul:** something that many people believe is inside us that makes us who we are. Some people believe our souls live on in some form after death.
- **Neshama:** a Hebrew word used by Jews for the soul or spirit. In the Torah, it is the “breath of life” that God breathed into Adam and Eve, the first people.
- **Consciousness:** a person’s awareness of everything around them; their sensations, feelings and thoughts.
- **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.
- **God judges us according to the decisions we have made within our life.** All these religions teach that if we have made positive decisions something positive will happen - we will go to Paradise or Heaven. Each of these religions also teaches that if we have made bad decisions then we will suffer consequences.
- **Some non-religious believers claim to have memories of lives they have lived before this one.** If this is the case, then reincarnation (rather than a strict ‘afterlife’) must exist.

The ultimate aim of Hinduism is to leave the cycle of rebirth and become one with the god Brahma. This is called Moksha.

