Year 4 - Hinduism: What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

Key vocabulary	
Hinduism	Hinduism is a religion which is considered a way of life rather than a set of beliefs
Hindu	A follower of the religion of Hinduism
Puja	The act of worship which involves offering gifts
Vedas	The Hindu holy scripture (four books)
Bhagavad Gita	On of the holy books of Hinduism
mandir	The Hindu place of worship - also called the temple
Karma	The belief that a persons actions will bring good or bad consequences
deities	A God or Goddess within Hiduism. The Trimurti is the most well known.
murtis	The figures and pictures of the deities found on shrines and inside temples

Hindus make a difference in their worldwide community. The Hindu way of life guides the way that they live.

Kama:
Living with love, desire and pleasure for the beauty of life

Artha:
Living with wealth, prosperity and providing by honest means



Dharma:
Living a good life through religious duty and or moral actions

Moshka:
Freedom from the cycle of birth and rebirth; reincarnation

Purusharthas
The four aims of the human life

Similarities to Other Religions

- Sikhism - believe in concepts like Karma
- Christianity - worshipping 'Jesus-like' Ishu as their primary God
- Judaism - Diwali is a light festival similar to Hannukah and Christmas
- All three religions - Have celebrations which involve family, friends, food, and presents (for example Christmas and Eid)

The different murtis show the main deities and their attributes.

