



# Year 4 - Autumn - RE Knowledge Organiser

## What I already know...

Recall and name two different Christian celebrations of belonging

Recall parts of a wedding ceremony for different religions  
Identify promises made at ceremonies for different religious groups and say why they are important.

## What I will learn...

Describe how life is seen as a journey by some people  
Think of reasons why some people have rituals to mark important life events

Describe two different Christian celebrations of belonging/initiation

Describe what happen at a Jewish Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremony

Describe Hindu beliefs about the journey of life and death using key terms such as dharma, karma and moksha.

Describe the significance of the Hindu sacred thread ceremony  
Describe a wedding ceremony for two different religions

Consider questions about the importance and significance to Christians of different forms of baptism

Suggest reasons why some Christians baptise babies at birth and others have believer's baptism

Suggest reasons why these ceremonies are significant to Jewish people .

## Key Vocabulary

ritual	a religious or solemn or serious ceremony consisting of a series of actions performed in a set order
Ceremony	a formal religious or public occasion, especially one celebrating a particular event, achievement, or anniversary.
Sacred	connected with God or a religious purpose and so deserving respect
Belonging	A feeling of a connection to a place or situation.
Initiation	the action of admitting someone into a special group, usually with a ritual.
Bar mitzvah	the initiation ceremony of a Jewish boy who has reached the age of 13 and is thought to be ready to follow religious rules and fit to take part in public worship.
Bat mitzvah	a religious initiation ceremony for a Jewish girl aged twelve years and one day, which is thought to be as the age of religious maturity.
Dharma	An idea in Hindu ( and Buddhist tradition) about the eternal nature of reality, regarded as cosmic law (ideas about the universe)
Moksha	being released from the cycle of rebirth set by the law of karma
Baptism	the Christian ceremony of sprinkling water on to a person's forehead or of immersing them in water, symbolizing purification ( being made spiritually 'clean') and being admitted into the Christian Church.



## Making a difference at The Merton

The children will explore and use the religious metaphor of life as a journey. What are the significant milestones on this journey? What other metaphors could be used for life? They will consider the value and meaning of ceremonies which mark milestones in life, particularly those associated with growing up and taking responsibility within a faith community. What meaning do these ceremonies have to the individual, their family and their communities?

## Making a difference at home

Talk about some of the significant events in your own lives. Have you been baptized or been to another religious ceremony. Maybe you have some photos of a special celebration that you could look at together.