Eversley Primary School– Knowledge Organiser

RWV	Why do some people think life is a journey?	Year 4	Autumn 2

Key Knowledge

Throughout our lives we go on a series of journeys, some may be long, others short, some ordinary, others exciting.

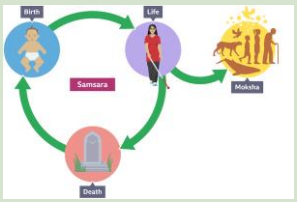
There are a range of ceremonies a Christian might participate in to show their initiation or commitment to their religion. These include a baptism, a confirmation and a believers baptism. Water is used in some of these ceremonies to signify a fresh start and washing away sins.

Jewish people can show their dedication to their religion by becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah during a special ceremony. Ahead of this ceremony, Jewish children are expected to learn about their religion in detail. Following it, they are then considered a son or daughter of the commandment and are considered responsible for their own religious decisions and actions.

One of the main beliefs of many Hindus is that our lifetime is one part of a larger journey. This is known as Samsara which is the cycle of reincarnation or rebirth. This means next life is determined by how a person lives their current life.

For some people, a marriage ceremony is part of their journey through life. Religious marriages are different to each other but often share the same core principles; a life-long commitment, faithfulness, a promise to share a life with someone else.

Key images



Possible experiences

Visit a Baptist church, Synagogue or Temple

Invite a visitor to speak about their experiences

Enfield SACRE Statutory requirements

- A2 – Describe and understand links between stories and other aspects of the communities they are investigating, responding thoughtfully to a range of sources of wisdom and to beliefs and teachings that arise from them in different communities.
- A3 – Explore and describe a range of beliefs, symbols and actions so that they can understand different ways of life and ways of expressing meaning.
- B2 – Understand the challenges of commitment to a community of faith or belief, suggesting why belonging to a community may be valuable, both in the diverse communities being studied and in their own lives.
- C1 – Discuss and present thoughtfully their own and others' views on challenging questions about belonging, meaning, purpose and truth, applying ideas of their own in different forms including (e.g.) reasoning, music, art and poetry.

Prior learning

- Throughout Key Stage 1, children have studied the main beliefs of different religions.
- In Year 3, children looked in more detail at the practices of a range of religions.

Key vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
Journey	Travel or passage from one place to another
Baptism	A ceremony that symbolises a commitment to life as a Christian
Confirmation	A special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised
Bar/Bar mitzvah	A ceremony which marks the time when a boy or girl becomes a Jewish adult.
Dharma	A way of living and fulfilling the duties of a Hindu
Samsara	The cycle of reincarnation and rebirth
Reincarnation	The idea that people are born again in another body after they die
Marriage	A promise/union between two people

Possible deeper thinking questions

Do you need a ceremony to show commitment?

Is it possible to show 100% commitment to something or someone?