



Year 4 – Unit 4.1

The journey of life and death



Thinking about religions and beliefs:

Know that beliefs and practices have an impact on people's lives

Identifying beliefs, practices and lifestyles:

Know that religious beliefs and teachings of religious studies are important in their own way.

Know that some features of religions are used or exemplified in festivals and practices.

Expression, identity and experiences.

Know that there are things that influences their own life experiences and those of others.

Meaning, values and commitments:

Know that there are links between values and commitments, including religious ones, and their own

Previous learning

- I know that some times are more special to some than others.
- I know the celebrations and festivals of Christmas, easter, Diwali, shabbat, Hanukkah and Pentecost.
- I know how Christians show they belong to their family, school and community.

Key information

- I know that Christians, Hindus and Jewish people see life as a journey where there is a beginning and end.
- I know that Christians begin their journey with an initiating ceremony known as a baptism.
- I know that there is an infant baptism and a believers baptism and they are both different.
- I know that Hindus have an initiating ceremony called upanayana which is known as a second birth for a fresh start.
- I know that Jewish people have a bar/bat mitzvah to declare them old enough to be in control of their Jewish religion.
- I know that all religious weddings have special vows and values.
- I know that Christians believe in heaven and hell after life.
- I know that Jewish people believe in living in the moment and not a life after death.
- I know that Hindu's believe in reincarnation and how this is a cycle of death and rebirth.

Big Question:

Why do some people think life is like a journey? Where do we go? What do different people think about life after death?

Wonder

- Enjoyment
- Love of Language
- Belonging
- Empathy
- Courage
- Kindness

Key Vocabulary

Milestones	A significant stage or event in the development of something.
Journey	An act of travelling from one place to another like from birth to death.
Ritual	A series of actions that are always performed in the same way
Baptism	A Christian ceremony.
Sacred thread	A cotton thread worn to show initiation in Hindu's
Marriage	A legally recognised union of two people as partners.
Commitment	Having a promise or firm decision to do something.
Soul	The spiritual part of a person.
Heaven	The place believed to be the home of God and where Christian people go after death.
Reincarnation	The belief that after somebody's death their soul lives again in a new body.

