

RE Knowledge Organiser

Year: 4 4.1. The journey of life and death

Term: Autumn 1

Topic: Inventions

Vocabulary	Meaning
Journey	Moving from one place to another
Reincarnation	Hindu belief in re birth after death
Cremated	When someone dies, their body is burnt and their ashes scattered

Key Knowledge:

A journey is an act of traveling from one place to another.

Our lives can be looked at as a journey as we travel through time and encounter different things along the way. Some parts of journeys can be enjoyable and some challenging.

Throughout our lives there will be key milestones such as birth, naming ceremonies, starting school, birthdays, achievements, first job, marriage, having children, death.



Christians believe that when someone dies, they are judged by God. If you have lived a Godly and good life you go to Heaven.

Hindu beliefs come from the holy scriptures called the Vedas.

Hindus believe that when they die, they continue life in another form. This may be human or animal or plant (any living thing). This is called reincarnation.

If you have lived a good life, you will reincarnate in human form. If not, you will reincarnate as an animal and the cycle continues.

Dharma – this is a law showing Hindus how to live their life well, knowing right from wrong.

Karma – Shows that our past actions affect us in the future.

Moksha – Spiritual freedom and being at one with God. In order to reach this, the cycle of reincarnation is not always joyful but includes suffering and misery.

When they die, most Hindus are cremated so their souls can be released to the next life.

The ashes are sprinkled in the water to re-join the flow of life. Water is very important to Hindus.



Marriage is a long-term commitment to another person. People make promises to each other. A wedding can be in a church or another place if it is not religious.

Hindu weddings bring together two families and two communities, and often have a very large number of guests. There are many rituals.



An important part of the ceremony is when the bride and groom walk around the sacred fire.

Learning Objectives

Lesson 1	I can describe how life is seen as a journey by some people.
Lesson 2	I can describe the Hindu beliefs about the journey of life.
Lesson 3	I know why people make promises and vows to be married. I can explain what happens at a Hindu wedding.
Lesson 4	I can compare Hindu and Christian beliefs about life after death.
Lesson 5	I can show what I have learnt.

