

## Alder Coppice Primary School — Knowledge Organiser

### Religious Education

**Year: 4**

### Unit 6: Why is water important across religions?

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#### What I Should Already Know:

- Baptism is Christian ceremony in which a baby is given a name and welcomed into the Christian Church.
- The story of Noah and the flood can be found in the Old Testament and tells us about how Noah trusted God.
- The Old Testament contains stories and writings from before the birth of Jesus. It contains the story of Jonah and the Whale.
- Hinduism is one of the oldest of the world's surviving religions and it originated near the Indus River in India.

#### Subject Vocabulary:

**Christianity:** A religion based on a belief in God and the life and teachings of Jesus.

**Christian:** Someone who believes in the teachings of Jesus and a follower of the religion of Christianity.

**Hinduism:** It is over 4,000 years old, making it one of the world's oldest religions. It is made up of a variety of different religious beliefs and practices.

**Hindu:** A follower of Hinduism

**Islam:** A religion based on the teachings of Qur'an.

**Muslim:** A follower of the religion of Islam.

**Judaism:** The religions of the Jewish people.

**Jew:** A person that follows the Jewish religion.

#### Skills & Enquiry:

##### Rituals, Ceremonies, and lifestyles

Explain religious ceremonies and their importance for people lives and sense of belonging.

Make some comparisons across religions.

##### Values and Reflections

To understand the concept of shared values and how a community can use shared values.

To discuss and give opinions on morals and values, including their own.

**Baptism:** Christian ceremony in which a baby is given a name and welcomed into the Christian Church.

**Jesus:** The founder of Christianity

**Ceremony:** Ceremonies are held on special occasions and usually celebrate or remember something important. They also help make significant things official.

**Pilgrimage:** A pilgrimage is a special journey to a place that is important for religious reasons

**Wudu:** Muslims use water to wash before each of their five daily prayers or before handling the Qur'an.

**Mikveh:** A Mikveh is a pool of naturally gathered water (from either rain, river or sea) that is used for ritual cleansing.

**Ritual:** a ceremony or series of acts that is always performed the same way.

**Rite of Passage:** part of growing up ceremony.

#### What I should know by the end of the Unit:

- Ritual bathing in the **Ganges** is an important part of **Hindu** pilgrimage.
- All Christian Churches have rituals involving the use of water. Children may be Christened using holy water or adults can be baptised.
- Baptism is mentioned in the Bible when Jesus was baptised by John in the River Jordan in Israel.
- Muslims use water to wash before each of their five daily prayers or before handling the Qur'an. This is called Wudu.