






# Year 4 Block 4 RE Knowledge Organiser - Why do we celebrate certain milestones in our lives?

Vocabulary	
<b>1. Milestone</b>	A significant stage in a person's life.
<b>2. Baptism</b>	The Christian ceremony of sprinkling water on to a person's forehead or immersing them in water - admission to the Christian Church.
<b>3. Christening</b>	A Christian ceremony in which a baby is given a Christian name at baptism as a sign of admission to a Christian Church.
<b>4. Secular</b>	Not connected with anything religious or spiritual.
<b>5. Humanism</b>	A secular belief in the importance of humans, rather than any god.
<b>6. Baby-naming</b>	At event at which a person is officially assigned a name.
<b>7. Ceremony</b>	A formal religious or public occasion, especially one celebrating a particular event, achievement, or anniversary.
<b>8. Marriage</b>	The union of two people as partners in a personal relationship
<b>9. Devotion</b>	Love, loyalty, or enthusiasm for a person or activity (or religious practice).
<b>10. Funeral</b>	A ceremony held shortly after a person's death, usually including the person's burial or cremation.
<b>11. Reverend</b>	A member of the Christian Church who performs certain religious ceremonies and duties.
<b>12. Celebrant</b>	A person who performs humanist services, such as non-religious weddings, funerals, child naming ceremonies and other rituals.
<b>13. Heaven</b>	A place, according to some religions, where God lives and where good people go after death.
<b>14. Remembrance</b>	A memory or recollection.
<b>15. Epitaph</b>	A phrase written in memory of a person who has died - often this is inscribed on a tombstone.
<b>16. Tombstone</b>	A large, flat inscribed stone standing or laid over a grave.

Did you know that Humanist ideas were discussed in **Ancient Greece**, from **Thales** to **Anaxagoras** and **Protagoras**.

Christian Milestones	Secular Milestones
<b>1. Baptism/Christening</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Baptism welcomes the baby to the church.</li> <li>2. The baby's parents and godparents promise to raise the child as a Christian and to teach it to abide by God's law.</li> <li>3. At a Christening, the child is given their Christian name.</li> <li>4. The ceremony takes place in a church.</li> </ol> 	<b>1. Baby-naming</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The ceremony, which can take place anywhere, welcomes the baby into the world.</li> <li>2. It focusses on the child and their family.</li> <li>3. The baby is officially named.</li> <li>4. Promises are made to teach the child to respect others and the world and to take responsibility for their own actions.</li> </ol> 
<b>2. Marriage</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Christians believe that their wedding not only joins the couple together but reflects and strengthens the bond between the couple and Jesus (God).</li> <li>2. It is conducted by a Reverend.</li> <li>3. It usually takes place in a church.</li> </ol> 	<b>2. Marriage</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A humanist wedding is a non-religious ceremony that reflects the humanist beliefs and values of the couple.</li> <li>2. It is conducted by a celebrant who shares their beliefs and values.</li> <li>3. It can take place anywhere.</li> </ol> 
<b>3. Funeral</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Christian funerals are led by a Reverend.</li> <li>2. They remember the life of the person who has died.</li> <li>3. They give comfort to people in the belief that their loved one will be with God in Heaven.</li> </ol> 	<b>3. Funeral</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A secular funeral is led by a celebrant.</li> <li>2. It focusses on the person's life, as Humanists don't believe in an afterlife.</li> <li>3. Comfort is found by remembering the good things the person did in this life.</li> </ol> 