

Jigsaw RE Knowledge Organiser

This knowledge organiser is a guide, offering key information to point the teacher in the right direction as to the beliefs underpinning the particular enquiry.

The summaries must not be taken as the beliefs of ALL members of the particular religion.

Religion /Worldview: Buddhism	Enquiry Question: Can the Buddha’s teachings make the world a better place?	Age range: 7-9	Enquiry 2
In this unit, we look at some key teachings that the Buddha gave and stories he told – what could Buddhists learn from these?			

Core Knowledge (see also background information documents)	Link to other aspects of belief	Personal connection / resonance	
The story of the Buddha shows Buddhists that it is important to live your life in the right way. As a prince he had everything, but was not happy. He realised that suffering and unhappiness were often caused by not understanding what life was like. He decided to try to live his life in a way that would help others and not just think about himself. Many Buddhists today look at what happened in the Buddha’s life and try to learn how his teachings like the three marks of existence could help them. Some stories that the Buddha told help Buddhists understand how they should approach life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Buddha’s teachings like the 4 Noble Truths and the Noble Eightfold path help people in their search for enlightenment • Helping others through giving to charity would help limit suffering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What could I learn from the stories the Buddha told? • How can I help others in need? • How could I be more positive and help more people? 	
Key Terms and definitions	History/Context	Impact on believer/daily life	Spiral curriculum link
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siddhartha Gautama – a prince who became known as the Buddha. • Buddha – a person who has reached enlightenment. • Enlightenment – understanding the world, how it works and the meaning of life. • Dukkha (Suffering) • Anicca – Everything changes 	People have always found change difficult. At the time of the Buddha life had fewer luxuries for many people so living each day as it comes was important. The Buddha tried to help people make the best of what they had and not wish for other things beyond their reach	Most Buddhists try to find enlightenment – this means they try to understand what life is about and how to deal with the good and bad times that happen. Buddhists know that nothing lasts forever and so try to enjoy each stage of life as it happens – good times and bad times will not last.	This enquiry builds on the last one concerning happiness. The Buddha knew that being rich would not save him from suffering. Accepting that everything changes would take away some stress when it happens. Later enquiries will focus on ways to live life in a way that limits suffering
Home learning ideas/questions: How do I feel about change? What changes have happened so far? How did we deal with them? What changes might lie ahead?			