

# 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.

<b>Religion /Worldview:</b>	<b>Enquiry Question: Why is the story of the Buddha important to Buddhists?</b>	<b>Age range: 5-7</b>	<b>Enquiry 1</b>
In this unit, we look at the story of prince Siddhartha Gautama who came to be known as the Buddha – founder of Buddhism.			

<b>Core Knowledge</b> (see also background information documents)	<b>Link to other aspects of belief</b>	<b>Personal connection / resonance</b>	
<p>The Life of the Buddha is the main focus. This is the story of a prince who gave up all his riches to try to find out the meaning of life, why there is suffering and what can be done to stop this. He was kept in a big palace by his father who wanted him to be a king. When he left the palace he saw things that shocked him. He saw old age, sickness, death and a holy man. He had never seen suffering before.</p> <p>After he left the palace, he spent many years trying to find out why life involves difficult times. When finally, he understood what was going on he realised that suffering was often caused by people being greedy or selfish. He thought that he could help people live their life in a less selfish and greedy way – these became a key part of his teachings.</p>	<p>Later enquiries will look at some of the Buddha’s teachings including...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Four Noble Truths</li> <li>• The Noble Eightfold Path</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do I think Siddhartha’s father was right to try and keep him from suffering?</li> <li>• Why did the King try to keep him inside?</li> <li>• What would I have done in the same position?</li> <li>• How can I be less greedy and selfish?</li> </ul>	
<b>Key Terms and definitions</b>	<b>History/Context</b>	<b>Impact on believer/daily life</b>	<b>Spiral curriculum link</b>
<p><b>Siddhartha Gautama</b> – a prince who became known as the <i>Buddha</i>.</p> <p><b>Buddha</b> – a person who has reached enlightenment.</p> <p><b>Enlightenment</b> – understanding the world, how it works and the meaning of life.</p> <p><b>Greedy</b> – wanting too much of something, this can lead to not sharing and being unkind and only thinking of yourself.</p> <p><b>Selfish</b> – thinking of yourself first and not considering others around you.</p>	<p>Buddhism began around 2500 years ago in ancient India. The main worldview at the time was Sanatana Dharma (recently known as Hinduism). Prince Siddhartha was in line to be the king until he decided to give this up in a search for the causes of suffering. Buddhism as a worldview does not have a God, thinking that humans are responsible for their own path which involves thinking about what you say and do.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many Buddhists look to the Buddha as a role model.</li> <li>• Many will follow the Buddha’s teachings and try to be aware of the impact of their actions and words.</li> <li>• Accepting that suffering happens is a part of life</li> <li>• Many Buddhists will try to lead a good life as it will help them achieve their own personal enlightenment</li> </ul>	<p>This is the first enquiry for Buddhism. As this is the case it highlights the life of the Buddha and the importance the teachings he left behind.</p>
<p><b>Home learning ideas/questions:</b> The place where the Buddha gained enlightenment is called Bodh Gaya –You could look at where this is, if Buddhists visit on pilgrimage, what they might see and do while they are there. Is there anywhere special you would like to visit? Why is this special to you?</p>			