



Knowledge Organiser

Year 6 – Summer Term Focus Day

Buddhism



Key Knowledge

What should we know by the end of this topic?

- Siddhartha Gautama was the founder of Buddhism, believed to have lived 500 years before Jesus and to have been born in Nepal, close to the border of India
- Most Buddhists believe that attaining Nirvana is the ultimate goal

Nirvana = Achieving Perfection

- Buddhists believe that overcoming cravings and a desire to want more is an important step towards enlightenment
- Siddhartha Gautama was the first to achieve enlightenment and went on to teach others

Describe the story of Gautama's enlightenment

This did not depend on believing or believing in God. It depended on his own effort to overcome cravings.

The Four Noble Truths



- Dukkha**
The truth of suffering.
- Samudaya**
The truth of the origin of suffering.
- Nirodha**
The truth of the end of suffering.
- Magga**
The truth of the path to the end of suffering.

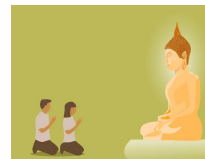
A person should adopt 8 principles, including Right Speech, Right Action and Right Livelihood.

Examples of Right Speech include not lying or using words of insult.

Key Skills

How can we develop as a theologian?

- Explore ways Buddhists show their respect for the Buddha using lighted candles or offering flowers



- Raise questions about the Buddha's willingness to give up wealth and luxury
- Understand that the belief in God is not at the forefront of achieving enlightenment
- Name and describe objects associated with Buddhism: eight spoke wheel, temple, vihara



Key Stories

The Buddha and the Angry Man

The Buddha and the Wounded Swan

Reflect...

How do these stories show examples of Right Speech, Right Action and Right Livelihood?

- Understand that Buddhists believe in naturally occurring karma, the cycle of rebirth and reaching Nirvana
- KQ:** Is Nirvana a real place, or a state of mind?

Key Vocabulary

How can I use these words in my lessons?

Vocabulary	Definition
Buddhism	A religion which originated in Ancient India
Buddhist	A follower of Buddhism
Siddhartha Gautama	The founder of Buddhism
Nirvana	The goal for many Buddhists, the removal of desire, craving or suffering
Tanha	Cravings
Enlightenment	The release from a cycle of rebirth
Buddha	The enlightened one
Eight spoke wheel	Symbol representing the noble eightfold path
Temple / Vihara	Buddhist temple or monastery
Right Speech, Right Action, Right Livelihood	Principles for a Buddhist to live by
Karma	The belief that our past actions affect us, positively or negatively
Cycle of rebirth (samsara)	Reincarnation, ending in Nirvana. The ongoing cycle of birth, death and rebirth.