

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: What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life? Right Speech	Age range: 5-7 Enquiry 2
In this unit, we look at some of the teachings of the Buddha and the need to be in control of what we say including telling the truth kindly, not spreading gossip or trying to be calm and not angry. Buddhists think what they say could have an impact on others.		

<p>Core Knowledge (see also background information documents)</p> <p>The story of the Buddha ends with the Buddha teaching others how to find enlightenment. He tells his followers to try not to be selfish and greedy because these 2 things cause problems for ourselves and others around us.</p> <p>Right Speech is one part of the Noble Eightfold Path, the Buddha said that we could cause huge problems by using words carelessly or unkindly, he also saw that we could do a lot of good by being honest, thoughtful and kind.</p> <p>Buddhists are aware that gossip, lying and angry speech causes problems and even though it is hard sometimes, they try not to speak unkindly.</p>	<p>Link to other aspects of belief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teachings of the Buddha are an important part of Buddhist life. • The Noble Eightfold Path lists eight steps to enlightenment which cover thoughts, words, attitudes and actions. These are looked at more in later lessons 	<p>Personal connection / resonance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is using speech in the right way important? • How could I be helpful with speech? • Why is it important to make sure I do not say careless or hurtful things? 	
Key Terms and definitions	History/Context	Impact on believer/daily life	Spiral curriculum link
<p>Buddha – The enlightened one – a title given to prince Siddhartha.</p> <p>Meditation – focussing the mind.</p> <p>Greed – keeping things for ourselves, not sharing</p> <p>Selfishness – putting ourselves before the needs of others.</p> <p>Speech – the things we say.</p> <p>Truth – what we think is accurate – each person has their own view of truth but how we say it is important</p>	<p>Buddhism began in a country where Sanatana Dharma (Hinduism) was the most popular worldview. Many beliefs are also found in Buddhism, however one big difference is that most Buddhists do not believe in a god, instead they focus on improving themselves. Buddhism took a while to spread from India and the surrounding countries but got more followers as people were able to travel further.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most Buddhists think leading a good life is an important step on the path to enlightenment. • The Buddha left many teachings which try to help people find enlightenment. As he found enlightenment many Buddhists think that his teachings worked. • Right speech is difficult every day with lying, gossip and bad language very easy things to do. Trying to speak well is a key part of leading a Buddhist life 	<p>This is the second enquiry and follows on from the life of the Buddha.</p> <p>We start to look at some of the Buddha’s key teachings namely the Four Noble Truths and parts of the Noble Eightfold Path.</p>
<p>Home learning ideas/questions: What could I do at home to use speech better? How could I improve my speech? My thoughts? My attitude?</p>			