

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: How are Buddhist teachings interpreted by believers?	Age range: 9-12 Enquiry 3
In this unit, we look at different groups within the Buddhist tradition. Groups form over time as people move around the world taking their beliefs with them. These beliefs become merged with local customs.		

Core Knowledge (see also background information documents)	Link to other aspects of belief	Personal connection / resonance
There are many different groups within Buddhism and they all have a different view on how to be a Buddhist – this is not a problem as each person has their own worldview and is making their own journey through life. Most believe that the Buddha was a key figure and that his teachings give important clues at how best to live their life. Some groups believe that the best way to find enlightenment is to live in a monastery away from society whereas others believe it is better to live around others and try to improve society.	There are many different groups in most worldviews and Buddhism is no different. Some came from different parts of Asia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How might living somewhere affect what you believe and how you act? • How do I differ from my friends or other family members? Why is this ok?
Key Terms and definitions	History/Context	Impact on believer/daily life
<p>Diversity – a variety of different groups – each of which should be treated equally</p> <p>Theravada – a Buddhist group who believe in living away from society</p> <p>Monk/nun – someone who chooses to live outside of society concentrating on their own enlightenment</p> <p>Monastery – a place where a monk or nun lives</p> <p>Mahayana – a Buddhist group who believe you can achieve enlightenment by living in society</p> <p>Bodhisattva – someone who has achieved enlightenment but chooses to live on earth and help others.</p>	As Buddhism spread around the world it picked up new ideas and practices. This meant that new groups began to form, most keeping true to the Buddha’s teachings but practicing in different ways. 2500 years after Buddhism began new groups still form and evolve as they travel further.	Each Buddhist tries to follow their worldview in their own way. They have to be aware that the country they live in has rules that need to be followed. Buddhists need to live their lives according to their beliefs but these beliefs may well change as they grow old and more experiences happen to them. This is natural and happens to almost everyone.
Home learning ideas/questions: Ask older family members about what life was like in the past. How was it different? How are our views and beliefs different? Why is having different views a positive thing and how can it sometimes cause problems?		