




RE Knowledge Organiser

RE Focus	Buddhism: The Life of The Buddha	Year 4	Spring 1
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What? (Key Knowledge)

Where did Buddhism originate?	The religion started in (what was) India (but is now Nepal) 2,500 years ago.
What is the story of the Buddha?	Prince Siddhartha, Gautama was born into a royal family and had a most comfortable life. Yet all he could see was suffering. He decided to leave his family and wife, Yasodhara to become a monk. He travelled for many years seeking happiness, and eventually found it. He became enlightened under a Bodhi tree.
The four noble truths	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Life is filled with suffering 2. Suffering is caused by people's wants. 3. Suffering can be ended if people stop wanting things i.e. more pleasure or more power. 4. To stop wanting things, people must follow 8 basic laws, called the Eightfold Path.
Eightfold Path	<p>The eight basic laws that all people must follow if they wish to end suffering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To know the truth To resist evil To not say anything to hurt others To respect life and property To work at a job that does not injure others To try to free one's mind from evil To be in control of one's feelings and thoughts To practice concentration

Pictures and Diagrams

		
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Attainment Targets

- I can start to show an understanding of why people think it is difficult to be happy all the time.
- I can tell you some of the things Siddhartha did to try to be happy and explain why I think they didn't work for him.
- I can begin to show an understanding of what being happy means to Buddhists.

Key Questions

- Is it possible for everyone to be happy?
- Why did the Buddha sit under the Bodhi tree?
- If everybody lived by the 8-fold path would it make people happy all of the time?

What? (Key vocab)

Spelling	Definition
Bodhi Tree	Siddhartha was sat underneath this tree when he achieved enlightenment.
Buddha	Means 'teacher'. Followers of the religion (Buddhists) believe that he was a man and not God.
The wheel of life	This symbolises the cycle of life, death and rebirth. The eight spokes remind people that the Buddha taught about eight ways of life.
Enlightened	Understand how to be happy and free from suffering. Once enlightened you stop being reborn.