

Alder Coppice Primary School — Knowledge Organiser

Religious Education

Year: 4

Unit 5: What does it mean to be a Buddhist today?

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What I Should Already Know:

Buddhists don't believe in God and do not have a creation story.

Buddha believes that world systems appear and disappear all the time. He did not focus on the beginning or the end of the one that Earth exists in.

The Buddhist story 'The Monkey and the King' teaches Buddhists about sacrifice and the consequences.

Subject Vocabulary:

Buddhists: A follower of the religion of Buddhism

Buddhism: A way of life that follow the teachings of Buddha.

Place of Worship is a special place within a religion where believers go to pray, worship, learn about their religion, spend time as a community

Festivals: occasions for remembering events in religion.

Celebrations: special enjoyable event that people organise because something pleasant has happened. e.g. Birthday, Wedding, Baby welcoming.

Skills & Enquiry:

Beliefs and Teachings

To describe the key teachings and beliefs of Buddhism.

Values and Reflections

To understand the concept of shared values and how a community can use shared values.

To discuss and give opinions on morals and values, including their own.

Unit Specific Vocabulary:

Buddha: The teacher and creator of Buddhism

Dharma: The teaching of Buddha

The Buddhist scriptures are known as the **Tipitaka** which means 'three baskets'.

Karma: Means that actions have results. Past actions affect who or what they are in the next life.

Nirvana: is the end of everything that is not perfect. It is perfect peace, free of suffering.

Buddhist temples are a variety of different shapes. These are called the **Stupa** and the **pagodas** in China and Japan

Puja: Buddhist worship

Wesak is the most important Buddhist festival. It is celebrated on the full moon in May. The festival celebrates the Buddha's birthday.

What I should know by the end of the Unit:

Buddhism started in India over 2,500 years ago. Buddhists follow the teachings of a man called **Siddhattha Gotama**. He became known as the **Buddha**, which means 'enlightened'.

The Buddhist scriptures are known as the **Tipitaka** which means 'three baskets'. This is because the original writings were made on palm leaves and stored in baskets.

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Key Facts

Buddhists can worship from home or at a temple, which are built in a variety of shapes. Buddhists worship by sitting on the floor, making sure their feet face away from any image of Buddha. Their head and body face the image of Buddha. This is called puja. Buddhists chant to show their love for Buddha and make offerings of flowers and incense at shrines.