

Year 6 Buddhism Knowledge Organiser



How is Buddhism different from other religions?

Buddhism is different from many other faiths because it is not centred on the relationship between humanity and God. Buddhists do not believe in a personal creator God.

What did Buddha teach?

The Buddha's teaching is often divided into three parts. These are the :

- Three Signs of Beings
- Four Noble Truths
- Noble Eightfold Path

Karma

Karma is the law that every action has an effect. Buddhists believe that are past actions have an effect on who or what we are in our next life.

Buddhism began in north-eastern India and is based on the teachings of Siddhartha Gautama. The religion is 2,500 years old and is followed by 350 million Buddhists worldwide.

Buddhism is the main religion in many Asian countries. It is a religion about suffering and the need to get rid of it. A key concept of Buddhism is Nirvana, the most enlightened, and blissful state that one can achieve. A state without suffering.

Place of Origin	North East India
Founder	Siddhartha Gautama (The Buddha)
Sacred Text	Tripitaka
Sacred Building	Stupa
Major Festivals	Wesak
Main Branches (Denominations)	Theravada, Mahayana, Tibetan, Chinese and Japanese groups including Soto and Zen

Where do Buddhists Worship?

Buddhist worship at home or at a temple. Worshippers may sit on the floor barefoot facing an image of Buddha and chanting. It is very important that their feet face away from the image of Buddha. They listen to monks chanting from religious texts and take part in prayers.

Home

Buddhists will often have a shrine. There will be a statue of Buddha, candles, and an incense burner.

Temple

Buddhist temples come in many shapes. Perhaps the best known are the pagodas of China and Japan. Another typical Buddhist building is the Stupa (upside down bowl shape). All Buddhist temples contain an image or a statue of Buddha.

4 Noble Truths

Dukkha: Suffering exists

Samudaya: There is a cause for suffering

Nirodha: There is an end to suffering

Magga: In order to end suffering you must follow the eight fold path.

