

Summer term 2 Year 4 Buddhism Knowledge Organiser

How are Christianity (Church of England) and Buddhism similar and different?

Subject specific Vocabulary		Images/Diagrams/Maps	Important Knowledge
Buddhism	A religion that helps people train their mind to be kind, calm, and wise.		Buddhism was founded by Siddhartha Gautama, who became the Buddha after discovering how to end suffering.
Buddha	A man who discovered how to stop suffering and taught others his wisdom.		Buddhists believe that kindness, good choices, and calm thinking help people live happier lives.
Dharma	The Buddha's teachings about how to live a good and peaceful life.		Meditation is a very important practice in Buddhism because it helps people understand their thoughts and feelings.
Meditation	A quiet practice where Buddhists focus their mind to feel calm, notice their thoughts, and understand themselves better.		Buddhists follow the Eightfold Path to guide their actions, speech, and behaviour so they can become more wise and caring.
Temple	A place where Buddhists come together to meditate, learn, and show respect to the Buddha.		Buddhists celebrate Vesak to remember the Buddha's life, his teachings, and his enlightenment.
Shrine	A sacred space, often with candles, flowers, and a Buddha statue, used for worship and reflection.		
Enlightenment	A deep understanding of the world that brings freedom from sadness and worry — the goal of Buddhists.	Writing/Provision/Enrichment opportunities	
Eightfold Path	Eight important rules that guide Buddhists to live kindly, tell the truth, and make wise choices.	Visit a Buddhist temple	
Vesak	The most important Buddhist festival, celebrating the Buddha's birth, enlightenment, and death.	Key Questions: How does Buddhism teach people to live well? How is meditation similar/different to Christian prayer? What do Christian and Buddhist festivals celebrate?	
Wheel of Dharma	A symbol of Buddhism showing the Eightfold Path — reminding people to follow the Buddha's teachings.		

Presentation	Assessment		
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	☐ Name Buddha or a Buddhist symbol. ☐ Say something Christians believe vs. something Buddhists believe.	☐ Describe the differences between prayer and meditation. ☐ Compare moral teachings (e.g., loving others vs. avoiding harm). ☐ Identify similarities in festivals or community worship.	☐ Explain why Buddhists follow the Eightfold Path. ☐ Use vocabulary (dharma, meditation, enlightenment). ☐ Make deeper reflections ("Both faiths teach compassion but for different reasons...").