

Buddhism

The following table shows all the Jigsaw RE enquiries for the Buddhist tradition across the Primary phase.

If schools start studying enquiries in KS2 it is recommended that teachers look at the KS1 enquiries to see the foundations of beliefs and practice

Age range	Enquiry	Theme/content
5-7	Why is the story of the Buddha important to Buddhists?	The significance of the Buddha to many Buddhists and how many Buddhists might try not to be selfish or greedy because of his example.
5-7	What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life? Right Speech	Introduction to the teachings of the Buddha and the Noble Eightfold Path, focussing on Right Speech and how this would impact on the behaviour and life of a Buddhist.
5-7	What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life? Right Action	Further investigation into the teachings of the Buddha and the Noble Eightfold Path, focussing on Right Action and how this would impact on the behaviour and life of a Buddhist.
7-9	Is it possible for everyone to be happy?	Revisits the story of the Buddha and his enlightenment, consideration of material against inner happiness, and the Buddha's teachings about lessening suffering.
7-9	Can the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?	Anicca (change) and Dukkha (suffering), the story of the Buddha and the angry elephant, Kisa and the mustard seed, the Buddha's teaching on how compassion can lessen suffering.
7-9	What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life?	Examples of the Eightfold Path that a Buddhist might put into action in their lives (especially Right Mindfulness and Right Effort), Nirvana, enlightenment, reincarnation.
9-11	What is the best way for a Buddhist to show commitment to their beliefs?	The 3 Jewels or Refuges, Sangha, Dhamma, the Noble Eightfold Path, the Three Root Poisons, Dukkha, The Three Marks of Existence (everything changes, dissatisfaction leads to suffering and the fact that people can change), The Four Noble Truths (suffering exists; it has a cause; it has an end; and it has a way to bring about its end), The Five Precepts
9-11	What is the best way for a Buddhist to live a good life? Right Living and Intention	Consequences of the Five Precepts, how Dhamma might lead a Buddhist to choose a certain job or career, how Right Intention might impact on a Buddhist's life.
9-11	How are Buddhist teachings interpreted by believers?	Theravada Buddhists, Mahayana Buddhists, how the Eightfold Path might be interpreted by a believer, Samsara, why the 5 Precepts and the Eightfold Path might be important to some Buddhists.