Year 3/4 **RE Knowledge Organiser** **Summer Term 1**

Buddhist Festivals

Big Ideas -

1) Why do Buddhists give offerings of food during Vesak?	2) How is the Ploughing Festival celebrated?	3) What is the significance of the use of water in Buddhist rituals?

Vocabulary

Buddha - The founder of Buddhism.
Enlightenment - The state of attaining or having attained spiritual knowledge or insight.
Karma - The principle that one's actions determine one's future in this life.
Reincarnation -This means that rather than going to heaven or paradise after death, they believe that they will be born again in the body of another living thing.
Vesak - The most important festival in the Buddhist calendar celebrating the Buddha's birthday.
krathong - A small floating basket fashioned of leaves.
Songkran – A celebration to mark the start of the Buddhist New Year.

The Eightfold Path

Key Facts

New Year celebrations take place in April, during the Buddhist festival of Songkran. It marks the end of the rainy season, when the rivers are full of water.

All living things need water to survive. Buddhists give offerings of water as a symbolic gesture - giving water is a way of helping living things and reducing suffering.

The Four Noble Truths
1. Dukkha
Suffering exists, and it is a part of all life.
2. Samudaya
Suffering is caused by things like a desire for fame or wealth.
3. Nirodha
Suffering can be overcome and happiness can be attained.
4. Magga
To overcome suffering, Buddhists must follow the Noble Eightfold Path (rules for life taught by the Buddha).

Learn How To

Why is Buddhism special?	To understand why Buddhists give offerings during Vesak.	To understand how and why significant moments in the life of the Buddha are celebrated.	To understand how and why Buddhists pay respect to the Buddha.	To know how activities during the festival relate to the teachings of the Buddha.
Fun Fact	Songkran is sometimes known as the Water Splashing Festival!			