Jigsaw RE Knowledge Organiser

This knowledge organiser is a guide, offering key information to point the teacher in the right direction as to the beliefs underpinning the particular enquiry. The summaries must not be taken as the beliefs of ALL members of the particular religion.

Religion /Worldview: Buddhism	**Enquiry Question:** What is the best way for a Buddhist to show commitment to their beliefs?	**Age range: 9-12 Enquiry 1**
In this unit, we look at some things that are really important to Buddhists. Many Buddhists will turn to The Three Refuges to help them in times of difficulty.		

Core Knowledge (see also background information documents)		**Link to other aspects of belief**	**Personal connection / resonance**
This enquiry starts by looking at The Three Jewels/ Refuges which many Buddhists believe in: A jewel is something of value - A refuge is a safe place – often in difficult times. The Three Refuges/Jewels are… • the Buddha, (the yellow jewel), • the Dharma/Dhamma (teachings), (the blue jewel), • and the Sangha (the community) (the red jewel)		Diversity within Buddhism: there are different groups within Buddhism and some Buddhists believe in living in society whereas others believe it is better to remove yourself.	• What is valuable to me? • Where should I feel safe? • Who makes me feel safe? • How could I help others feel safe?
Key Terms and definitions	**History/Context**	**Impact on believer/daily life**	**Spiral curriculum link**
Jewel – something precious or of value Refuge- a safe place in a time of trouble Buddha – An enlightened being. Dharma/dhamma – Buddhist teachings Sangha – the community of Buddhists	As Buddhism spread around the world, different groups were formed each with different views. Sometimes these changes are all about where in the world you are. As religions and worldviews travelled from their original place, they picked up new ideas and merged them together. Religions and worldviews are constantly changing.	Life is often difficult so when times are hard it is important for Buddhists to know that they can find safety in certain teachings and communities. The sangha refers to the Buddhist community. By reaching out to others when in need many Buddhists would feel they are not alone and coping with things may seem easier.	This enquiry builds on ages 7-9 by revisiting the Buddha's story and some of his teachings.
Home learning ideas/questions: How can we help each other in difficult times? Why is it important to feel safe?			