Knowledge Organiser

Unit: Should happiness be the purpose of life? Purpose of Unit:

To explore what people believe and what difference this makes to how they
live. This will enable you to gain the knowledge, understanding and skills
needed to handle questions raised by religion and belief; and reflect on your
own ideas and ways of living.

Key Learning/Knowledge:

- Compare and explain ways to happiness (e.g. Christian, Buddhist and non-religious)
- Explain how people use different sources of authority in deciding what the purpose of life is
- Show how beliefs and teachings can affect people's views on whether or not it is important to achieve happiness
- Offer a meaningful account of the value of happiness as the purpose in life, weighing up religious and nonreligious views, including your own
- Evaluate how far these ideas and beliefs about happiness help you to make sense of the world, offering reasons and justifications for your responses.

Key Skills:

- Expressing religious and non-religious ideas and concepts clearly and accurately
- Reflecting upon the relevance of different worldviews and how belief can influence values
- Empathising with different worldviews surrounding happiness and how they influence daily life

Key Vocabulary and meanings:

Year: 7

Theist – someone who believes in God

Agnostic – someone who is not sure whether God exists

Atheist – someone who does not believe in God

Source of authority – religious texts or bodies responsible for people on how to live

Dukkha – suffering (Buddhist teaching)

Craving – a powerful desire/want for something

Philosophy – the study of some of the most basic questions about human life

Three Poisons – the ultimate causes of suffering: greed, ignorance and hatred (Buddhist teaching)

Enlightenment – when someone has gained a complete understanding of the meaning of life

Eternal – having no beginning or end; always existing

Links to prior knowledge/learning: learning about Christianity, Buddhism and Humanism in primary school

Cross Curricular link/ World Issues – culture and world views

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Unit: The Buddha: how and why do his experiences and teachings have meaning for people today

Year: 7

Purpose of Unit:

• To explore the story of the life of the Buddha and his key teachings and assess how these have importance for people's lives today

Key Learning/Knowledge:

- Know how the Buddha's life led to his teaching
- Can explain how the Three Universal Truths relate to our understanding of the world and life
- Can explain how the Four Noble Truths show the cause of dukkha and the way people can overcome it
- Give reasons and examples to explain how Buddhists put the Noble Eightfold Path into action and how they make moral decisions
- Evaluate the benefits of meditation for Buddhists and non-Buddhists

Key Skills:

- Expressing religious ideas and concepts clearly and accurately
- Reflecting upon the relevance of religious teachings and practices to life
- Empathising with how Buddhists view situations in everyday life

Key Vocabulary and meanings:

Buddha – fully enlightened being

Siddhartha Gautama – the name who became the Buddha

Middle Way (Magga) between the extremes of luxury and hardship

Compassion – to feel sympathy for those that suffer, to want to help

Ascetics – holy men who live a life of hardship

Bodhi tree – tree of wisdom **Meditate** - to sit still, in a state of calm, concentrating, thinking deeply

nirvarna - enlightenment **Anicca** - impermanence **Dukkha** – unsatisfactoriness, suffering

Anatta – no self, no soul
Craving – wanting something
really badly
Tanha - thirst

Tanha - thirst (Magga)

Mindfulness – mindfulness of yourself, of others and the environment

Links to prior knowledge/learning: understanding of the Buddhist path to happiness (unit 1 in Y7)

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Unit: Year: 7 Sikhism	
 Purpose of Unit: To understand key Sikh beliefs To understand how Sikh teachings info 	orm belief and understanding
 Key Learning/Knowledge: What is Guru? How did Sikhism come about? How are Sikh teachings on equality and service put into practice today? Where do Sikhs worship? What are the 5 Ks? Why is the Guru Granth Sahib so significant, today? 	Key Vocabulary and meanings: Guru - teacher Mool Mantar – Sikh statement of belief Khanda – the symbol of Sikh faith Sewa – selfless service Langar – community kitchen which serves free vegetarian meals Guru Granth Sahib – holy book Gurdwara – Sikh place of worship
 Key Skills: To describe key practices To explain meaning, symbolism and significance of Sikh practices To evaluate the importance of Sikh practices 	Khalsa – community that considers Sikhism its faith Amritdhari – those who have been 'baptised' by taking the Amrit ceremony; those who are part of the Khalsa
Links to prior knowledge/learning: Cross Curricular link/ World Issues	

Religion and Culture