

## Year 5 Summer 2 – Buddhism

### Key facts

- Temples in Buddhism represent the pure land or pure environment of a Buddha.
- A Buddhist temple or Buddhist monastery is the place of worship, they include the structures called vihara, chaitya, stupa, wat and pagoda in different Buddhist groups around the world.
- Temples are centres for study and worship for the whole community.
- Worship in the temple includes chanting, giving offerings in front of an image of the Buddha, lighting candles, burning incense, meditating and listening to sermons.
- All Buddhist temples contain an image or a statue of Buddha. Buddhist temples are designed to symbolise the five elements. The Earth is represented by the square base of the temple. Wisdom is symbolised by the pinnacle at the very top.

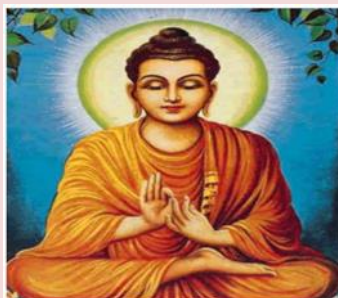


Image of Enlightened Buddha



Buddhist temple



Inside a Buddhist temple



Buddhist monks praying



Tripitaka

### Vocabulary

- meditation
- Buddha (Siddhartha Gautama)
- temple
- Tripitaka
- Sanskrit,
- chanting
- incense

### We are thinking about:

Why are Buddhist temples so important?

What can you find in a temple?

Are there any similarities or differences between temples you know?