

RE Knowledge organiser:

Year 2: What special stories are told at Easter?

Big Question for year group: What can we learn from special stories?

Vocabulary

Ash Wednesday: Is the first day of Lent, so named because priests mark the sign of a cross in ashes on the heads (or foreheads) of worshippers

Palm Sunday: Is the final Sunday of Lent, commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem a few days before he was to suffer trial and crucifixion

Good Friday: Is the day set aside to commemorate the death of Christ on the cross. It is called "good" meaning "holy", because it is the day on which Jesus Christ gained salvation for people through His own death

LENT: This is a period of 40 days [Sundays excluded] leading up to Easter which traditionally sees most Christians give up something to mark the period when Jesus was in the wilderness

Resurrection: for Christians it is a very important concept that touches on why Jesus is considered fully human and fully God. It was his coming back to life (after dying on the cross) that the resurrection refers to, and it is through this that they are gifted eternal life with God in heaven

Easter Sunday: Is the most important Christian festival as it marks the belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus

Key learning

- Sequence the Easter story and say why it is important to Christians
- Explain what a Christian might learn from celebrating the Last supper
- Design an Easter card using more than one symbol and write a message to Christian inside

Symbols/Images/artefacts



Palm Cross



Ash Wednesday cross

Important people/places/artefacts



1944 Jerusalem Easter celebrations for Christians

Links to further learning:

Ask pupils to research a number of different countries traditions for celebrating Easter and compare these to how Christian people celebrate Easter in the UK

Ask pupils to research about what happens (traditions) in Israel to mark Jesus' death and resurrection each year