



RE – The Easter Story

This term we will be focusing on Christianity, specifically looking at the Easter Story. The children looked at Jesus' miracles in term 1 and in term 2 they explored what it means to be a Christian, so now we will explore it further.

Children will be focusing on why Christians celebrate from Lent to Holy week. They will explore the Easter story and his importance in their religion. Children will also be researching the importance of particular days, such as Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Key vocabulary:

Jesus	In Christianity, Jesus is believed to be the son of God.
Christians	These are people who follow the religion of Christianity.
Shrove Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday marks the beginning of the 40 days leading to Easter. It is the beginning of the Christian festival of Lent.
Lent	Lent is traditionally a time of fasting and sacrifice and often Christian children give things up – such as chocolate. The tradition of eating pancakes comes from families using up all the ingredients in their cupboard so they can start lent the next day.
Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy week for Christians and the end of Lent. It marks Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem just days before his death.
Good Friday	Good Friday marks the day people remember Jesus was killed on the cross by Roman soldiers.
Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday marks the day Jesus was resurrected (brought back to life). His disciples realised that God brought him back to life.

Key questions:

What is Lent and Shrove Tuesday? Why are they important to Christians?

What is Palm Sunday? Why is it important?

What is the importance of last supper in the Easter story?



Jesus arrives in Jerusalem



Maundy Thursday – the last supper before Easter



Good Friday – marks the day of Jesus' crucifixion



Easter Sunday – marks Jesus' resurrection

We will also be briefly looking at the **Holi festival** celebrated in the Hindu religion. We are doing this to see where peoples beliefs stem from religious stories, how they celebrate and the important of this festival.