

All children – regardless of gender, starting point or background – will have the opportunity to engage with a high-quality religious education. They will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and vocabulary to learn through a diocese linked curriculum that provides opportunities to reflect, discuss and explore more about the world in which they live in. The curriculum provides children with the knowledge of different religious traditions, celebrations, stories and values. Our RE curriculum pupils develop an understanding of themselves and others as well as respecting differences. Lessons will promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of individuals and communities. We intend to inspire a sense of enjoyment and curiosity about different world religions.

Christianity



Why is Christmas celebrated by Christians?

Autumn 2

Igniting Prior Knowledge:

Year R (Understanding the World: People, Cultures and Communities)

- There are similarities and differences between people.
- People have different beliefs
- People celebrate special times in different ways.

Key Vocabulary:

- Christians
- Gold
- Frankincense
- Myrrh
- Advent
- Wreath
- Celebrations
- Christmas
- Easter
- Wedding

New Knowledge:

- Precious means something special.
- The Christmas Story
- King Herod was worried about being overthrown and ordered his soldiers to go to Bethlehem and kill all the baby boys.
- The three kings gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
- Christian symbols of Christmas are; angels, stars and candles.
- Christians believe that the birth of Jesus was good news for them, because he was a special gift from God, who came to the earth to give light to us.
- During advent, Christians prepare to remember receiving the gift of Jesus,
- Christians prepare for Christmas during advent. Many churches have an advent wreath, which has five candles (three purple, one pink, one white) which they light on each Sunday leading up to Christmas.
- Advent is the new year of the Christian Church and the church season that leads to Christmas Day.
- Christians around the world celebrate Christmas in different ways
- Christmas was celebrated differently in 2020 due to Covid 19.

