

Topic:

The Story of Christmas

Links to other year groups: Yr2 Light of the World, Yr 3 The role of the angels, Yr 4 The role of the shepherds, Yr5 The true meaning of Christmas, Yr 6 Christmas around the world.

ENQUIRY QUESTION: Why do Christians celebrate Christmas and in what ways do many Christians celebrate?

Key Vocabulary:

- Christian
- religion/faith
- Christmas
- Celebration
- Worship
- belief
- angel
- Jesus
- Mary
- Joseph
- shepherd
- Wise Men
- Bible
- innkeeper
- donkey
- present
- stable
- Gold
- Myrrh
- Frankincense
- Similarities
- differences

Timeline-when did this happen?

Jesus was born just over 2000 years ago. The Nativity Story states he was born in a stable in Bethlehem.

The Christian religion began following the crucifixion of Jesus in the 1st century AD.

Essential Knowledge:

By the end of this theme pupils will know:

- To know what a festival is and why festivals are celebrated.
- To know the main events of the Christmas story.
- To know why Christmas is an important festival for many Christians.
- To know how Christians and non Christians celebrate Christmas.

Religious stories covered:

- The Nativity Story

SMSC Links:

Spiritual: Explore the idea of celebrating special times. Pupils reflect on the meaning of festivals for believers

Moral: Explore with pupils why celebrations should be respected

Social: Explore what Christmas means to Christian communities

Cultural: Explore how Christmas is celebrated in the world today.

Linked British Values:

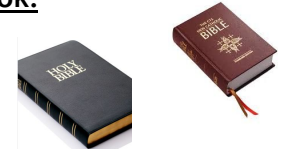
Rule of Law-link to travelling to Bethlehem for a census.
Mutual Respect and Tolerance
Individual Liberty

Key Symbols/People (including those relevant to individual stories)

Jesus
Mary
Joseph

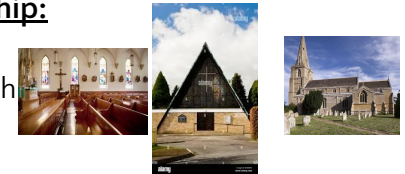
Special Book:

The Bible



Place of Worship / How people worship:

Church



Links to Barbara Wintergill's Big Ideas

Words and Beyond

Making Sense of Life's Experiences

The Big Picture