

Year 5- Autumn 2 RE Knowledge Organiser

Topic:

The True Meaning of Christmas

Links to other year groups: Yr 1 The Story of Christmas Yr 3 The role of the Angels in the Christmas Story Yr4 Special People, Special Places: The role of the Shepherds in the Christmas Story. Yr 6 Christmas around the world

ENQUIRY QUESTION: Class debate: Has the true meaning of Christmas been lost, or is it still present today?

Key Vocabulary:

Celebration/Festival

Pagans/Paganism

Saint Nicholas

Secular

Saviour

Sin

Sacrifice

Incarnation

Refugee

Wise Men

King Herod

Gold

Frankincense

Myrrh

Commercialisation

Worship

Faith/Belief

Pray

Respect

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:

- Explain why Christians celebrate Christmas and describe how a Christian would celebrate.
- Explain the importance of love at Christmas time in Christianity.
- Explain the meaning of 'incarnation'.
- Why Mary, Joseph and Jesus could be considered as refugees in the Christmas story and how Christians might feel this their role to support modern day refugees.
- To know why people give gifts at Christmas time.
- To know the meaning of commercialisation and its impact on Christmas.

Religious stories covered:

The Nativity Story—a recap of the story.

SMSC Links:

Spiritual – Ability and willingness to reflect on own beliefs and experiences.

Children enjoy learning about themselves, others and the world around them.

Moral – Children recognise the difference between right and wrong and understand the consequences of their behaviour and actions. Children have the ability to understand and appreciate the viewpoints of others.

Social – Children work and socialise with others and engage with the fundamental British Values.

Cultural – Children understand and appreciate different cultures in preparation for life in modern Britain. Children show respect and celebrate diversity.

Linked British Values:

Democracy - class debate

Mutual Respect and Tolerance and individual liberty-diversity of Christianity and cultural traditions



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

Jesus

The Nativity Story–(Mary, Joseph, Wisemen, Shepherds, Angels, Angel Gabriel, Herod), Star of Bethlehem
Saint Nicholas

Special Book/Scriptures

The Bible

–where the story of the Christmas Nativity is recorded.



Place(s) of Worship / How people worship:

Church–place of worship for Christians. Often visited at Christmas by practising and some non practising Christians alike.



Links to Barbara Wintergill's Big Ideas

Continuity, Change and Diversity

Influence and Power