

# Religious Education

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**



## How can I understand different Easter concepts?

**Spring 2**

**Igniting Prior Knowledge:**

*Year 1 (Christianity - Why is Christmas Celebrated by Christians?)*

- Christians celebrate important events such as Sunday, Christmas, Easter, weddings etc...

*Year 2 (Christianity - Who was Jesus and why is he important to Christians today?)*

- Jesus died on Easter Friday and rose on Sunday

**New Knowledge:**

- Most Christians refer to the week before Easter as Holy Week. During this week, Christians remember the last week of Jesus' life.
- The Bible says that, on Palm Sunday, Jesus and his disciples walked to Jerusalem for a Passover meal.
- On Maundy Thursday, Jesus and his followers had their last meal together, known as The Last Supper.
- It was on Good Friday that Christians believe that Jesus died. Jesus was made to carry a heavy, wooden cross through the city to the place where he would be crucified. The Roman guards nailed Jesus to the cross and placed a crown made of thorns on his head.
- According to the Bible, on Saturday, the tomb of Jesus was found empty when his friends and family visited it.
- Easter Sunday is a happy day for Christians because it is the day that they believe that Jesus was resurrected. The resurrection of Jesus is important to Christians because it gives the promise of eternal life in heaven.
- Jesus' death and resurrection proves that he was the Saviour. Sometimes Christians will refer to him as Saviour.
- Christians believe that sin is an evil human act.
- Christians believe that God sent Jesus into the world to 'save his people from their sins' (salvation). Sin was dealt with by Jesus in his death and resurrection. Through following faith, they believe they are now saved.
- Easter is the central to all Christian teaching – it needed to happen for Christianity to exist. Easter is when Christians remember that Jesus was Crucified on the cross and resurrected 3 days later.
- Servanthood is being a servant of Christ, by having a heart that is willing to help those in need – offering service in the way of God. Christians believe that Jesus was the ultimate servant, because he gave up his life for us.
- The Stations of the Cross is a form of prayer used traditionally in Lent. Each of the 14 Stations retells part of Jesus' Passion (his suffering and death) through images and words.
- Prayerful meditation through the Stations of the Cross is especially common during Lent and on Fridays throughout the year, in commemoration of Christ's Crucifixion on Good Friday. This is done either individually, or as a group.



**Key Vocabulary:**

- Sacrifice
- Holy Week
- Maundy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Lent
- Stations of the Cross