

RE Knowledge Organiser

Year Two – Christmas Celebrations

Key Vocabulary

Christmas	King Herod	Nativity	Bethlehem	Church Service
Community	Epiphany	Advent	Symbols	Boxing Day

Sequence of Learning

Previously Children have learned about:

- o In Year One the children had learned about the Christmas story in their Autumn Two unit. This unit would explore the Christmas story relating to Jesus.

In future units the children will learn about:

- o The children will continue to explore Christianity in more detail when they look at Christian rites of passage in the Summer term and the Bible in Year Three.
- o The children will revisit the Christmas story in more detail in Year Four in their Christmas Journey unit


Unit Sequence of Sequence of Learning

- o The children will start the unit by looking at different religious celebrations including Ramadan, Rosh Hashanah, Diwali and Easter, alongside Christmas.
- o The children will then revisit the Christmas story but this time will spend more time on key details such as King Herod's reaction.
- o The children will then learn about how Christians celebrate Christmas including going to Church services, advent and how they may decorate their homes.
- o Next the children learn about how Christians celebrate Christmas around the world, including Australia, France and Ghana.
- o Finally, the children review their learning by creating a piece of writing about who, what, when and where Christmas is celebrated.

Key Questions

What are some different religious celebrations?	<i>Ramadan, Rosh Hashanah, Diwali and Easter.</i>
What happens in the Christmas story?	<i>See below Christmas story.</i>
How do Christians celebrate Christmas?	<i>Christians celebrate Christmas by going to church services, lighting advent candles, decorating their houses with things like a Christmas tree, creating nativity scenes and sharing gifts.</i>
How do other countries celebrate Christmas?	<i>Other countries celebrate Christmas in a lot of different ways. For example in Ghana they celebrate Christmas with church services that include drumming, singing and dancing. They will often eat roast goat or chicken with rice, biscuits and other traditional foods.</i>
How would Christmas in England compare to Christmas in another county?	<i>Christmas is different in other countries for lots of different reasons. One of the reasons it is different is because of where it is in the world. For example Christmas in England can often be quite cold but Christmas in Australia would be quite hot.</i>

Christmas Story

							
<i>Mary is visited by the angel Gabriel</i>	<i>Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem</i>	<i>Mary and Joseph spend the night in a stable</i>	<i>Three shepherds were visited by an angel</i>	<i>The shepherds went to visit the baby Jesus</i>	<i>Three wise men followed a star in the night sky</i>	<i>The Three Wise men gave gifts to the baby Jesus</i>	<i>King Herod heard about Jesus and sent soldiers to kill him</i>