

## Why does Easter matter to Christians?

The principal aim of religious education is to explore what people believe and what difference this makes to how they live, so that pupils can gain the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to handle questions raised by religion and belief, reflecting on their own ideas and ways of living.

### Our Learning

- We will learn and talk about what is important to Christians at Easter.
- We will find out where the Easter story is in the Big Story (Christian timeline).
- We will learn about the examples Jesus set and think of instances when Christians follow Jesus example.
- Together we will talk about how Jesus inspires Christians to forgive others.

### Focus for the unit

- To learn that Salvation is part of the "Big Story" of the Bible.
- Tell the stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and recognise the link with the idea of Salvation.
- Recognise that Jesus gives instructions about how to behave.
- Give at least 3 examples of how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus' death and resurrection in church worship at Easter.
- Think, talk and ask questions about the Easter story and explore ideas of sadness, hope, and heaven.

KEY VOCABULARY	MEANING
Resurrection	The rising from the dead.
Crucifixion	An ancient form of execution in which a person was nailed to a cross.
Salvation	Deliverance from sin and its consequences (believed by Christians to be brought about by faith in Christ).
Ascension	The ascent of Christ into heaven.
Jesus (The son of God, God on Earth)	Who Christians believe was sent to Earth to teach everyone how to be good people.
Lent	The period before Easter which is devoted to fasting in commemoration of Jesus fasting in the wilderness.
Fasting	Abstain (give up) some kinds of food or drink as a religious observance.

