



Easter Signs and Symbols

RE
Year 2
Spring Term

Overview

At Easter time, Christians celebrate Jesus rising from the dead after His crucifixion. Christians believe that due to Jesus' resurrection they have the hope of a new life (an everlasting life in Heaven) after their death. There are many symbols involved in the Easter story, such as the cross that symbolises Jesus' crucifixion and the Paschal Candle that symbolises that Jesus is the Light of the World. The symbols help us to understand the Easter story as they provide us with a deeper meaning and understanding of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us as Christians.



Questions I wonder
about Easter:

Enquiry skills and concepts:

In this unit, the pupils will:

- **Investigate** symbols relating to the Easter story
- **Interpret** the meanings of symbols used at Easter
- **Reflect** on the stories and the meanings of the Last Supper and Jesus' death and resurrection

Topic Vocabulary

cross: a representation of the instrument of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ

crucifix: a cross that includes a representation of Jesus' body

Easter: the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Christ

Last Supper: the final meal that Jesus shared with his friends before his crucifixion

Paschal candle: a large candle blessed and lit at Easter to symbolise that Jesus is the light of the world.

resurrection: when Jesus came back to life

sacrifice: an act of giving up something valued for the sake of something else regarded as more important or worthy

symbol - an object or picture that represents something.

Religious vocabulary

Jesus: the Son of God

Light of the World: Jesus, the only one who can light up our lives and lead us out of darkness.