

Year 1 - Spring 2 Knowledge Organiser

Why is Easter an important festival for Christians?

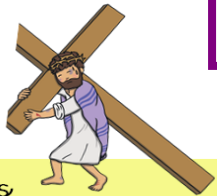


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This half term we will be reading the Easter story from the Bible. We will talk about the importance of Easter to Christians and how it is celebrated each year. The children will learn about the symbols linked to Easter and discuss their importance.

Important Easter Symbols



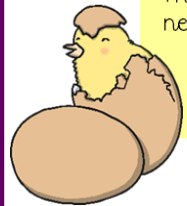
The Cross

Jesus was crucified on the cross but he rose again, so Christians believe the cross symbolises both God's sacrifice and the good news of his victory over death.



Easter Flowers

Lilies have white blossoms, which represent the purity of Jesus.



Chicks

These are a symbol of new life. The cracking egg also symbolises Jesus opening and leaving his tomb.



Bunnies

At Easter they are a symbol of new life. There is also a legend of a rabbit waiting for his friend Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus was buried.

Easter eggs

These are traditionally painted chicken eggs. Eggs symbolise the empty tomb Jesus left when he came back to life or new life. Eggs today are often made of chocolate.



Palm Crosses

When Jesus entered Jerusalem people waved palm branches to welcome him. Today churches make crosses out of palm leaves to remember this time.



Hot Cross Buns

Tasty buns baked with raisins and spices. They are marked with the cross to symbolise the crucifixion of Jesus.



Key vocabulary

Christian	A believer in Christianity
Disciple	A follower of Jesus
Easter Sunday	An annual celebration of Jesus' resurrection
Good Friday	The Friday before Easter Sunday where we remember how Jesus died on a cross.
Last Supper	The meal eaten by Jesus and his disciples the night before he was arrested.
Palm Sunday	The Sunday before Easter Sunday
Resurrection	When Jesus rose from the dead.
Symbol	A picture or sign with a meaning.

Key Questions

What is the main message from the Easter story? Why did Jesus forgive the people who crucified him?

Why is the cross an important symbol for Christians? What are crosses made from on Palm Sunday?

The lamp on our sweatshirts is a symbol of our school. What other symbols do we know? What do they mean?