

Year 1 Term 2 RE – Why are some times special? Why does Christmas matter to Christians?



Curriculum Key Question:
How can I look after myself and others?
Topic: The Big Dark

INCARNATION

What should I already know?

- Able to talk about special times for their own family
- That Christians celebrate Christmas because baby Jesus was born.
- Baby Jesus was the son of God.

★ OUTCOMES

BY THE END OF THIS UNIT, PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO:

- 📖 Give a clear, simple account of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians.
- 📖 Recognise that stories of Jesus' life come from the Gospels.
- 🏠 Give examples of ways in which Christians use the story of the nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas.
- 🙏 Decide what they personally have to be thankful for at Christmas time.

🏠 KNOWLEDGE BUILDING BLOCKS

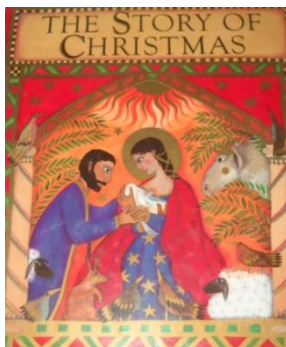
PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT:

- Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem.
- The Bible points out that his birth showed that he was extraordinary (for example, he is worshipped as a king, in Matthew) and that he came to bring good news (for example, to the poor, in Luke).
- Christians celebrate Jesus' birth; Advent for Christians is a time of getting ready for Jesus' coming.



Vocabulary linked to the story of Christmas:

Bethlehem Angel
Nazareth Shepherds
Gabriel
Manger



Key Vocabulary

PRIOR LEARNING-

Celebrate – to make special in some way
Celebration – a special enjoyable event that people organize because something good has happened or because it is someone's birthday or anniversary.

Christian – a person who believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and who follow his teachings

Festival- a time or event of celebration

NEW Vocabulary

Jesus-God on Earth

Christmas-The day Baby Jesus was born

Advent-a time of waiting and celebrating the birth of Jesus/getting ready for Jesus coming

Wreath-a circular garland that represents eternity (coming of God)

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