

Curriculum Intent:

Religious Education – To equip children with knowledge and understanding of Christianity, Islam and other major world faiths, exploring how beliefs influence lives and communities. Pupils develop respect, moral awareness and deeper thinking to



Subject	Term	Unit
RE	Year 1 – Autumn 2	Christianity: Christmas – The Birth of Jesus.

Key vocabulary

God	Christians believe God made the world.	Creation	Everything God made.
Bible	The Christian holy book.	Church	A place where Christians worship.
Cross	A Christian symbol.	Prayer	Talking to God.
Thankfulness	Saying thank you to God.	World	The earth and everything in it.
Care	Looking after the world.	Christianity	The religion that follows Jesus and believes in God.

Key learning

Objective	Learning
Can I recall the main events of the Nativity story?	<p>Nativity Sequencing Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity: Provide pictures of key events (Angel visits Mary, journey to Bethlehem, Jesus born in stable, shepherds visit, wise men visit). • Task: Children put them in the correct order. • Extension: Add simple captions.
Can I name key people in the story (Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Shepherds)?	<p>Character Sorting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mix Nativity characters with other people (e.g., Santa, elf). • Task: Sort into “Nativity story” and “Not Nativity story.” <p>Who’s Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show a Nativity scene picture. • Prompt: “Can you label Mary? Joseph? Jesus? The Shepherds?”
Can I explain why Christmas is important to Christians?	<p>Circle Time Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prompt: “Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?” • Guide children to understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is Jesus’ birthday.

- Christians believe Jesus is God's Son.

Children to each create a page for the class book on what makes Christmas important to Christians.

Can I identify Christmas symbols and their meanings?

Matching Game

- **Activity:** Provide pictures of Christmas symbols (star, angel, manger, candle, gifts).
- **Task:** Match each symbol to its meaning:
 - **Star** → Guided the wise men.
 - **Angel** → Told Mary about Jesus.
 - **Manger** → Where Jesus was born.
 - **Candle** → Jesus is the light of the world.
 - **Gifts** → Wise men brought gifts.

Can I talk about how I celebrate special times with my family?

Show and Tell

- Children bring in (or draw) something that represents a special time (birthday card, photo, Christmas decoration).
- **Prompt:** "Tell us what you do with your family."