



## Curriculum

### Year 3 Scheme of Work

Term: Spring 2

Topic: Easter: Is the cross a symbol of sadness or joy?

#### Key Skills and Knowledge:

##### Aims

- Increase pupils' knowledge and understanding of the Easter story, exploring the feelings evoked then and now by different events throughout Holy Week.
- Discover how the services held in churches during Holy week reflect the sadness and joy.
- Develop further the pupils' understanding of the concept of salvation.

##### Key Skills and Knowledge: Investigate, Empathise, Interpret, Reflect

- Use religious vocabulary to retell in detail the stories of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter.
- Make links between Christian beliefs and the stories of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter.

- Use religious vocabulary to make links between people's values and behaviour.
- Describe the impact of the events of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter on the lives of people today.
- Ask good questions about the events of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter
- and Christian belief associated with these events.
- Ask important questions about beliefs and values.
- Use religious vocabulary to describe and show understanding of the Christian practices linked with the Easter Story.

#### Reading and Writing Opportunities (Long and Short Activities) Creative Ideas and Hooks

Investigate emotion – look at art works depicting the Easter story and place an emoji next to each one.

Explore – Palm Sunday.

Investigate – Jesus goes into the Temple. Reflect on Jesus' feelings of anger.

Write the headlines for the Jerusalem newspapers the morning after Jesus turned over the tables in the Temple.

The Last Supper – Remembered on Maundy Thursday.

Write the diary entry of one of the disciples recording the events of The Last Supper. Encourage pupils to use lots of emotion adjectives.

Either as individuals or in groups design a cross of pictures reflecting the joy, sadness and joy of the events of Easter and the impact of those events on lives today.

##### Key Questions

- Is it possible to describe the events of Holy Week and Easter simply as events of joy or sadness? Why? Why not?
- Is the cross a symbol of sadness or joy?
- How do the services held in churches during Holy Week and Easter reflect the sadness and joy?
- Is Good Friday the beginning or the end?
- Is Easter Sunday the end or the beginning?

#### Links to PSHCE, Equality and British Values Work

Are there ever times when it is OK to be angry? (Link to British values and values of justice and righteousness.)

##### Key Vocabulary:

Palm Sunday, Temple, Last Supper, Gethsemane, Good Friday, Crucified, Easter Sunday, Resurrection

##### Resources Available / Visits/Visitors

Crosses or photographs of crosses from a variety of cultures.

##### Useful Websites:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?&q=story+of+easter+for+kids&&mid=7EB8B38E838BA34551E37EB8B38E838BA34551E3&&FORM=VRDGAR>

##### Previous Knowledge

Retell parts of the Easter story.