

Diwali



Easter



Engage

Can you remember any important religious festivals?

Christmas



Eid



Hanukkah



Which religion celebrates each festival?

WALT - to identify key symbols within the Christian celebration of Easter.

- I can recall the Easter story.
- I can identify ways in which Christians celebrate Easter.
- I can identify key symbols that can be found within Easter celebrations.
- I can take part in a carousel of activities based on the Easter story and its symbols.

Deepening - I can use my knowledge of the Easter story to evaluate whether Easter is a happy or sad time for Christians.



Easter

Christianity

symbol

Jesus

Today we are going to be looking closely at the Easter story and how Christians celebrate it.

Introduce

Let's watch this video to find out more about the Easter story.



Now you have watched the video, discuss these questions with a partner.



What do Christians remember on Good Friday?



What do Christians remember on Easter Sunday?





How do Christians celebrate Easter?

Easter Eggs



Church



Cards

Hot Cross Buns



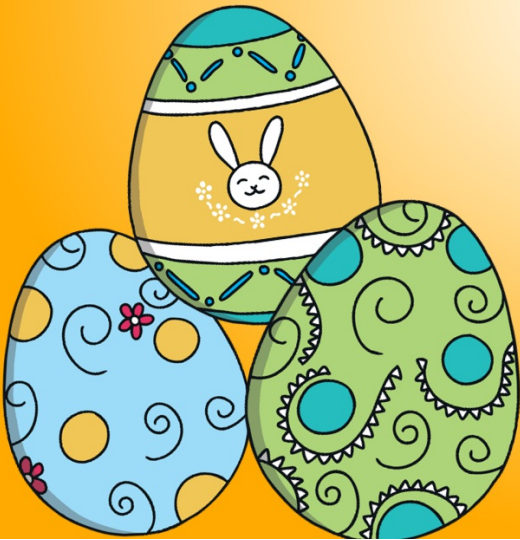
Let's now take a look at the symbols that can be found within these Easter celebrations...

Easter Eggs



Introduce

Easter eggs are traditionally painted chicken eggs. They symbolise the **empty tomb**, from which Jesus emerged when he came back to life.



Easter eggs today are often made of chocolate. Many people who are not Christian may still exchange eggs at Easter as part of a cultural festival instead of a religious one.

Hot Cross Buns

Hot Cross Buns are tasty buns baked with raisins and spices, and are usually eaten around Easter time.



Each bun is marked with the image of the cross to symbolise that **Jesus died on the cross.**

Bunnies and chicks

Bunnies and chicks are often linked to Easter and can be found on Easter cards.



Bunnies and chicks are often born during the Spring (when Easter is celebrated) and symbolise **new life**.

Easter flowers

White lilies, daffodils and tulips can often be found on Easter cards and used in churches at Easter.



These flowers all push through in the Spring, and symbolise **new life**.

The Cross

Introduce

Jesus died on the cross, but he also rose again. It can be seen on Easter cards, tradition Easter eggs and in Church displays at Easter.



Christians believe that the cross symbolises both **God's sacrifice and the good news of his victory over death.**

Match up the Easter symbol to it's meaning....

Practise
and
consider



new life



Jesus died on the cross



the empty tomb



**God's sacrifice and
Jesus' victory over
death.**

It's Carousel Time!

Independent

1. Create a comic strip retelling the story of Easter.
2. Use clay to create your own hot cross buns.
(or playdough if you're at home!)
3. As a table group, create a poster showing different Easter symbols.
4. Create your own pattern for a traditional Easter egg.
5. Create an Easter card. What would you have as the main symbol on the front?

Use your knowledge of the Easter story and its symbols to answer the following question...

Deepening



Do you think Easter is a happy time or sad time for Christians?

