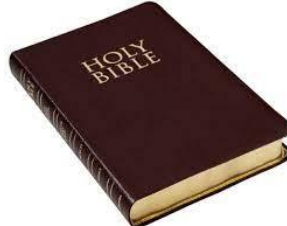


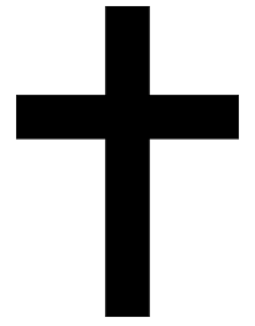
✝ YEAR 2 AUTUMN 2 R.E: WHY DOES CHRISTMAS MATTER TO CHRISTIANS?



Can you name the people in this nativity scene?
 What did they give to Jesus?
 Why was the baby so special?

Key Vocabulary

Bible		A book recording the relationship between God and humans, by Christians Incarnation Christians believe that Jesus became man and God.
Christian		Someone who has a relationship with Jesus Christ and believes in God
God		Is the name of a special person that Christians believe made the world
Gratitude		Being thankful
Advent		The arrival of something or someone
Nativity		The account of the first Christmas



The cross is the Christian symbol

✝ Christmas ✝

What is Christmas and how do we know Christmas is coming? At school we celebrate Christmas by learning about the account of the Nativity and celebrating baby Jesus being born on Christmas day.
 Christians believe that baby Jesus was God on earth, that he was born in Bethlehem and his mum and dad were Mary and Joseph. The Bible points out that Jesus was extraordinary and came to bring good news.
 Christians also celebrate Advent, by getting ready for Jesus' birth and put up decorations to celebrate his birthday.



Churches at Christmas

- Churches are special religious places for Christians.
- Churches hold special events at Christmas such as Advent and Christingle services

Advent

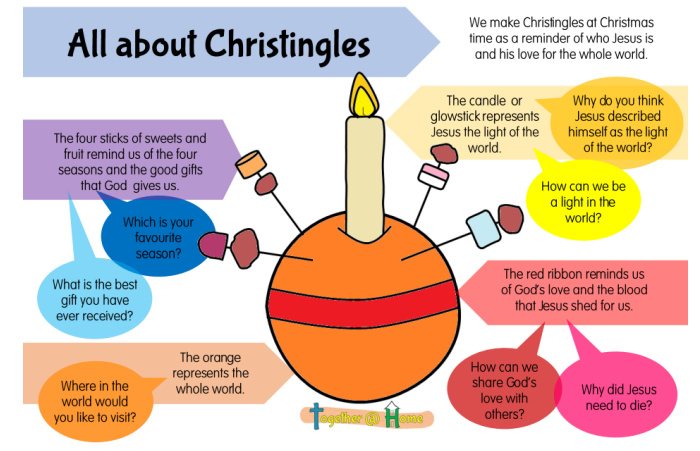
- Advent takes place in the
- On each of the four Sundays
- On Christmas Eve/ Christmas Day, a 5th is lit in the centre, representing Jesus.



lead up to Christmas (December) of advent, candles are lit around an advent



Christingle



Personal Spirituality – Key Questions

- How do you celebrate Christmas?
- What type of decorations do you use?
- What are you thankful for, at Christmas time?
- What happened on the very first Christmas?