



# Class 1 – Religious Education – Why does Easter matter to Christians?



**Identity and Community:** People feel belonging to communities, their identity can be expressed through traditions, rituals and symbols.

## Holy Week

Holy Week is the week leading up to **Easter**. The **Easter** story is very important to **Christians** as it reminds them of **Jesus'** death and celebrates his **resurrection**. There are four important days during Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and **Easter** Sunday.



## Painting and decorating eggs

Eggs are given at Easter because they represent new life and because they are the same shape as the rock which was rolled across Jesus's tomb.



## How do Christians celebrate Easter?

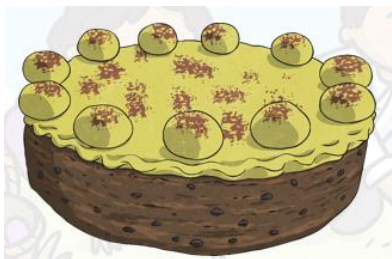


### Hot Cross Buns

The cross reminds Christians that Jesus died on the cross.

### Simnel Cake

This is a special fruit cake eaten at Easter. The cake has a layer of marzipan on top and is decorated with marzipan balls. There are 11 balls to symbolise Jesus's disciples, Judas (the 12<sup>th</sup> disciple) is left out because he betrayed Jesus.



## Year F and 1 Vocabulary

**Easter** – Christian celebration of when Jesus died and came back to life.

**Resurrection** – When Jesus came back to life.

**Crucified** – Put to death on a cross.