

Topic: Valuing New Life (and celebrations)	Phase: KS1	Strand: RE - Engaging	
<p>What should I already know?</p>	<p>Key Information</p>	<p>We are MANOR! As learners we will ...</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can talk about past and present events in my own life and in the lives of my family members I know about similarities and differences between myself and others, and among families, communities and traditions I know that Christmas is a time for loving and giving. I can talk about how people look after babies. 	<p>This half term we will be thinking about the different types of gifts we can give and why giving is important. We will also be finding out about the Christian celebration Christmas and the Islamic festival Eid al-Fitr. We will learn why Christmas can be important to many Christians and why Eid al-Fitr can be important to many Muslims. We will learn how they are both celebrated and will then go on to explore the importance of giving and gifts in both celebrations.</p>	<p>Manners</p>	<p>Develop a respect and understanding for the views and opinions of other people and share ideas about our own ideas and thoughts in a respectful manner. We will celebrate good work, value others' contributions, and discuss and debate opinions.</p>
<p>At the end of the unit, I will be able to:</p>		<p>Aspiration</p>	<p>Learn by being challenged in a series of well-designed and interesting activities designed to deepen our understanding of the world and broaden our horizons. We will be aspirational in developing knowledge and conceptual understanding through practical activities and discussions.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand that many Christians give gifts at Christmas Understand that many Muslims give gifts at Eid al-Fitr, and understand that Eid al-Fitr follows Ramadan. Explain how it feels to give and receive a gift Suggest different types of gifts Explain why Christmas can be important to many Christians Explain why Eid al-Fitr can be important to many Muslims. Name the first gifts which were given to Jesus and explain why they were important Explain what Zakat is Explain why gifting gifts can be important to many Christians at Christmas Explain why gifting gifts and Zakat can be important to many Muslims at Eid al-Fitr. 		<p>Nurture</p>	<p>To recognise that we live in a wonderful world made up of many different people and ways of living. We will develop an appreciation and respect for the diverse world and environment in which we live, showing care and compassion for the people and beliefs around us.</p>
		<p>Open-Mindedness</p>	<p>We will be open-minded so that we can learn more about others and the way in which they live their lives. We will listen respectfully to each other and not laugh at or make fun of what other people say.</p>
		<p>Resilience</p>	<p>Engage confidently with the RE curriculum and learn that anything is possible and failure is not something to fear but to learn from. We will support each other to learn new things and share what we know so that we might help others.</p>

Fun Facts!!

The traditional colours of Christmas decorations are red, green and gold.

- Red symbolises the blood of Jesus
- Green symbolises eternal life.
- Gold is the first colour associated with Christmas symbolising royalty.

The Nativity Story

The Angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her she was going to have a baby called Jesus and that he would be God's son. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem. Mary rode on a donkey. A kind innkeeper in Bethlehem let Mary and Joseph stay in his stable for the night and Jesus was born there. An angel appeared to some shepherds and told them that the son of God had been born in Bethlehem. The shepherds walked to Bethlehem to visit the baby Jesus. Three wise men saw a star in the sky and knew that it meant a king had been born. They followed the star. They went past the palace of King Herod who asked the men to tell him where the baby was. The wise men found baby Jesus but they received a message from God warning them not to tell Herod so they didn't. Herod began to search for Baby Jesus. He ordered that all baby boys in Bethlehem be killed. However, after a warning in a dream, Mary and Joseph travelled to Egypt with Jesus and he was safe.



Christmas Traditions

The story of the birth of Jesus is very important to many Christians. Many believe he was a gift from God. People celebrate Christmas in lots of different ways and these include acting out a nativity, carol singing, putting up and decorating Christmas trees and hanging wreaths. Many families get together for a special meal on Christmas Day. Many Christians give gifts at Christmas to show their love for one another. After his birth, the Three Wise Men gave Jesus special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They were the kinds of gifts given to kings in the ancient world. They were very valuable and were probably the first ever Christmas presents!!

Did you know...

- 36 million Christmas Trees are produced each year? Christmas trees take almost 7-10 years to mature.
- In the Ukraine, if you find a spider web in the house on Christmas morning, it is believed to be good luck!
- Many people abbreviate Christmas "Xmas," which is actually based upon X being the first letter of Jesus Christ's name in Greek.

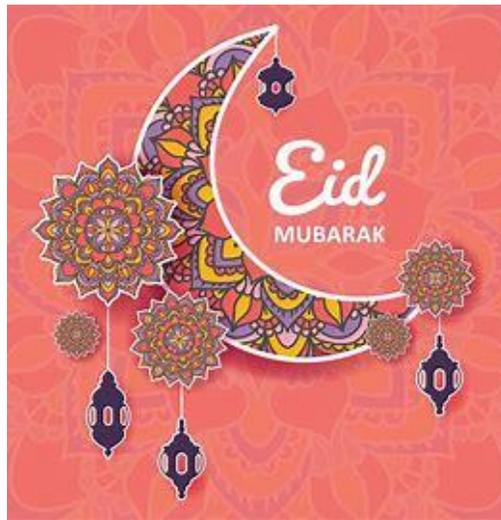


It is believed that the three wise men took 12 days to reach Jesus Christ's birthplace, and that is why we sing, "12 days of Christmas".

Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr

Ramadan is a very special time for many Muslims. It celebrates the time when the Qur'an was revealed to the prophet Muhammad (PBUH). It is celebrated at a different time every year because Islam uses a lunar calendar, which is based on the cycles of the moon. During Ramadan, many Muslims fast during daylight hours. Often, they go to the mosque to read the Qur'an. People who are young, elderly or ill don't have to fast. Muslims will often have a meal called suhoor before sunrise and another called iftar after sunset. Many Muslims fast during Ramadan because it reminds them of people in the world who have less than they do. Zakat is often given at this time. Many Muslims give food or money to help those in need.

Eid al-Fitr is the time when many Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan. It lasts for three days and is a very special time. During Eid al-Fitr, Muslims may give thanks to Allah for giving them the strength to fast during Ramadan. It is also a time for many Muslims to think about others. Eid al-Fitr is celebrated in lots of different ways. Many families go to the mosque to pray. Gifts are often given and are usually opened after the morning prayer and people can exchange cards that say 'Eid Mubarak!'



Vocabulary

Christmas	the annual Christian festival celebrating Christ's birth, held on 25 December in the Western Church.
Jesus Christ	the central figure of the Christian religion.
Christians	a person who has received Christian baptism or is a believer in Christianity.
Eid al-Fitr	Eid al-Fitr is a special festival which celebrates the end of Ramadan. It lasts for three days.
Ramadan	A holy month for many Muslims. It is often marked by fasting
Zakat	A type of charity which many Muslims give either during Ramadan or Eid al-Fitr.
worship	the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity.
Qur'an	The Islamic Holy text.

Caring for the Natural World Quiz

- 1). What was the name of the baby, born in the stable at Bethlehem?
- 2). Can you name two of the gifts that the Wise Men bought for the baby?
- 3). Are Eid and Christmas celebrated at the same time?
- 4). Why do people give gifts to each other during Christmas and Eid?
- 5). True or false – during Ramadan, Muslims cannot eat during the night.