



Year 3 – Autumn 2 – Religious Education – Pupil Knowledge Organiser

WHAT DO I ALREADY KNOW?			WHAT AM I LEARNING NOW?		
- Jesus is the central figure in the Christian religion. - The nativity is the story of Jesus' birth. - Around the world, people celebrate many different special days. - Some festivals have religious stories that explain why something happened. - People often decorate their homes and invite others to join in celebrations. - When others attend, they may often bring cards and gifts.			- Where do we find the story of the Nativity? - Who is told that Jesus will be born? - Where was Jesus born? - Who were the Magi and the shepherds? - What is the importance of the Nativity to Christians? - Why do people who are not religious celebrate Christmas?		
RELIGIOUS SOURCES OF WISDOM		KEY KNOWLEDGE: WHAT IS THE NATIVITY STORY?		KEY VOCABULARY	
 The Bible is the holy book for Christians.	 The Gospels tell us about Jesus' life and teachings.	The Gospels according to Matthew and Luke tell the nativity differently.  Joseph and Mary travelled to Bethlehem because of a census.  Luke says that there was no room in the inn, so Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger.  Matthew says the Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the baby Jesus.	 Luke says that Shepherds, were visited by angels who announced Jesus' birth. Matthew does not mention shepherds, while Luke does not mention the Magi.  The Nativity is celebrated during Christmas. Christmas represents hope, joy and salvation. Many non-religious people celebrate Christmas as a cultural holiday. They focus on family, togetherness, and goodwill.	Christianity Christian magi shepherd angel manger Bethlehem census gospel Christmas	A religion that believes in Jesus Christ and follows his teachings. A person who believes in Christianity. Visitors who brought gifts to baby Jesus. Also known as wise men. A person who takes care of sheep. A special messenger from God who brings good news to people. A feeding box for animals. The town where Jesus was born. A count of people that helps the government know how many people live in a place. A part of the Bible that tells the story of Jesus' life and teachings. A festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus with gifts, decorations, and family.
SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE					
Jesus  - Central figure in Christianity. - Taught people about God using parables.					
Mary  - Mother of Jesus. - Was told about Jesus by an angel, according to the Gospel of Luke.					
Joseph  - Husband of Mary. - Was told about Jesus in his dreams, according to the Gospel of Matthew.					
BELIEVING	THINKING	LIVING			
 How do different parts of the Nativity story reflect Christian beliefs about who Jesus is?	 Could differences between the gospels impact people's understanding of the nativity?	 Why do people who are not Christians also celebrate Christmas?			