

Year 5 Religious Education Autumn Term: How do different communities celebrate Christmas around the world?

To begin our enquiry of “How do people show their religious commitments?” we will think about our own traditions at Christmas time and discuss where these originate from. We will also be able to describe the Christmas traditions from around the world and compare these to our own, thinking about which, if any, we will adopt as a new tradition. Finally, we will reflect on whether these traditions add to or take away from the true meaning of Christmas.

Key skill: I can compare and show my understanding of similarities and differences between major religions and worldviews.

We will be able to:

- Think about our own traditions at Christmas time, why they are important and discuss where these originate from
- Describe the Christmas traditions from around the world and compare these to our own
- Show understanding as to why traditions are important to people
- Think about Christmas and reflect on its importance from a Christian perspective.

To deepen our learning, we will:

- Be able to describe Christmas celebrations from around the world and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and what is really important

To celebrate our learning, we will:

Enjoy Spanish Christmas Traditions

- Listen to and learn a Spanish Christmas song.
- Learn how to say merry Christmas in Spanish and make a Christmas card.



Vocabulary:

Christmas: the celebration of when Jesus Christ was born

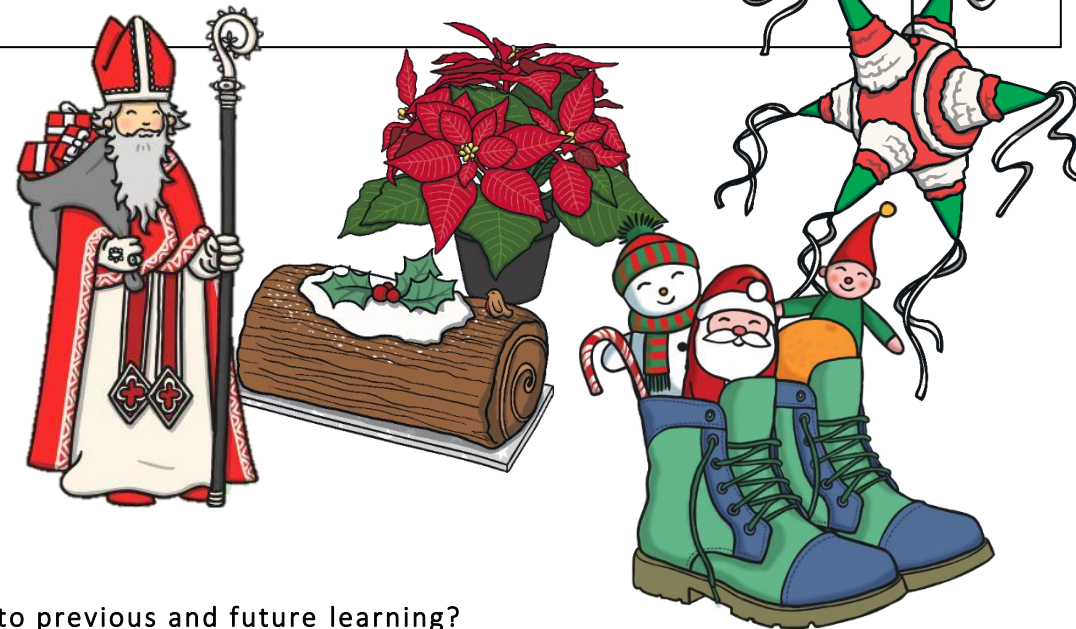
Traditions: a long-established custom or belief that has been passed on from one generation to another

Père Noël: French Father Christmas, sometimes known as Papa Noël

Parol: an ornamental, star-shaped Christmas lantern from the Philippines

Community: sharing or having certain attitudes and interests in common

Global: relating to the whole world; worldwide



How does this link to previous and future learning?

Year 1: Are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important to Jewish children?

Year 2: Why is Holy Week and Easter important to Christians?

Year 3: How did the birth of Jesus help the Wise Men and shepherds to belong?

Year 4: Would celebrating Diwali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?

Year 6: How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?

Driver:

Respect

Determination

Creativity

Confidence

Enthusiasm

Ambition