

Reception Spring 2 – Why is Easter special for Christians?



What should I know?

- There are some special stories from the Bible which share lesson about Jesus and God.
- That God is special to Christians and they believe He is the Creator of all things.
- That Christians often say thanks to God.

Key Knowledge

- Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter when Christians believe Jesus arrived in Jerusalem.
- Jesus rode on a donkey to Jerusalem. Crowds of people lay down palm leaves and robes. They shouted 'Hosanna!', which means save us.
- Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a cave.
- The cross is a symbol used to remember Jesus.
- Easter is a special time for Christians. Christians believe he was brought back to life by God.
- Some Christians celebrate Easter by eating hot cross buns, giving Easter cards, decorating eggs, eating chocolate eggs and wearing or putting out the symbol of the cross.

Key Vocabulary and definitions	
Easter	A Christian festival that celebrates Jesus coming back to life.
Hosanna	A word shouted by the crowds of people when they saw Jesus riding into Jerusalem. It means 'save us'
Jesus	An important person in the Christian religion. Believed to be the son of God
New life	Symbols of new life include an egg, seed, lamb and flowers growing.
Palm Leaves	Part of the Palm tree that grows from the trunk.
Palm Sunday	The Sunday before Easter when Christians believe Jesus arrived in Jerusalem.
Cross	The main symbol of the Christian religion. It represents how Christians believe Jesus died.
Easter eggs	Eggs given at Easter to remind people of new life and hope.







Palm cross Hot cross bun