Coley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

SUBJECT FOCUS:	RE- Christianity	YEAR 1	TERM 2

Enquiry Questions

Christianity – The Christmas Story

What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if He had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?



Questions:

Why were gifts given to baby Jesus?
What gifts were given to baby Jesus? Were they meaningful?
Who gave the gifts to baby Jesus?
Why do Christians believe Jesus is a special gift to the world?

Key Knowledge



Around 2000 years ago King Herod ruled Judea.

God sent the Angel Gabriel to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby called Jesus.

Mary was afraid but she trusted God.

Joseph was worried because him and Mary weren't married but an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him not to worry because Mary had been chosen especially by God.

Mary and Joseph lived in a land ruled by the Roman Emperor called Emperor Augustus. He ordered everyone to go back to where their families originally came from to pay their taxes.



Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

They needed somewhere to stay but so many people had arrived that there was nowhere left to stay.

The only place left was a building where animals were kept. This is where Mary gave birth to Jesus.

The angels appeared to the shepherds on the hill and told them that a Saviour has been born and he is lying in a manger. They went to see the baby.

A new star appeared in the sky. Some wisemen who studied the stars knew what this meant and they followed the star to baby Jesus.

King Herod told the wise men to tell him where Jesus was because he wanted to kill the 'New King'.

The wise men went to see baby Jesus and gave him gifts of GOLD, FRANKINCENCE and MYRRH.

Key vocabulary

Saviour- Someone who saves people from sin.

Emperor- ruler of an empire.

Shepherds- People who look after sheep.

Christmas- the time of year when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus.



Possible experiences

Circle time- why do we give people gifts.

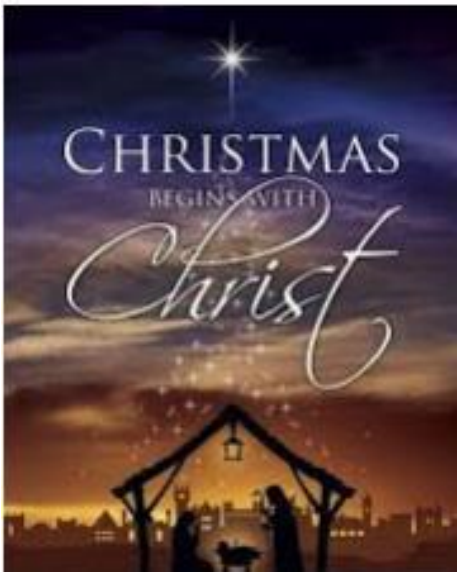
Children to handle some gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Children to make story sticks eg white cotton wool for lambs, shiny paper for gold, blue material for Mary's clothes.

Invite some donkeys into school.

Re enact the nativity story outside.

Encourage the children to be gift givers and fill shoe boxes for a children's charity.



Learning Outcomes

I can talk about a gift that is special to me and explain how I felt when I received it.

I can remember the Christmas story, including the gifts given to Jesus.

I can think of a gift Christians might choose for Jesus and start to explain why He is special to them.



Youtube links

The Christmas story

https://youtu.be/v3656G6tWuI --- short

https://youtu.be/JyVXIvdTF20 ---- long

