Coley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

SUBJECT FOCUS:	RE	YEAR 4	TERM 4

WHAT? – Key Knowledge

Is Forgiveness Always Possible for Christians?

In The Bible Jesus preached/taught his disciples about forgiveness.

There are stories that show Jesus led by example and showed forgiveness through his words and actions.

There are stories of forgiveness in the Gospels in the New Testament.

At the 'Last Supper' Jesus explained to his disciples that he was going to be sacrificed to forgive others.

Jesus taught the disciples 'The Lord's Prayer' which speaks about forgiveness.

In our lives we all make mistakes and wrong choices. When we do we often speak to people to apologise and say sorry. Sometimes we don't.

Christians try to follow the teachings of Jesus and forgive others, even when they haven't apologised.

Christians also try to follow the teachings of Jesus and ask for forgiveness for themselves.

Christians believe that they can ask God to forgive them through prayer.

Christians that Jesus' death on the cross was a sacrifice to bring them salvation. That God sent Jesus to save people from their sin.

Chrisitans believe they should follow God's example. If he forgives them then they should forgive others.

Examples of Jesus Teaching About Forgiveness

Love for Enemies – Luke 6: 27-36

Teaching About Anger – Matthew 5: 21-26

Forgive 70x7 – Matthew 18: 21-22

Teaching about revenge Matthew 5:38-42

The unforgiving servant Matthew 18:21-35

The criminal next to Jesus Luke 23:39-43

Jesus on the cross Luke 23:34

WHAT? – Key vocabulary

Easter – the Christian festival celebrating that Jesus rose from the dead.

The Lord's Prayer – this prayer is also called the 'Our Father'. It was a prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples.

The Last Supper – Jesus ate the Passover meal with his 12 disciples.

Communion/Eucharist – The act of sharing bread and wine to commemorate/remember the Last Supper.

Peter – the Disciple who denied 3 times that he knew Jesus.

Salvation – In Christianity the belief 'to be saved from sin' by following the ways of Jesus Christ.

The Resurrection – The Christian belief that Jesus rose from the dead.

Forgive – stop feeling angry or resentful towards someone who has done something to hurt us.

New Testament – The books in The Bible telling of Jesus' life and death and the lives of his followers.

Gospels – four books in The Bible that each tell an account of Jesus' life.

Sin – to break a rule or law given by God.

Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of 'The Last Supper'



An example of how Communion/Eucharist may be laid out in a Christian church.



A depiction of Jesus on the cross.



Possible Experiences

Exploring times when the concept of forgiveness seem difficult or even impossible.

Looking at stories in The Bible where forgiveness is explored.

Find out what Christians think about forgiveness – RE Inspired

Learning Outcomes

To talk about the sort of help I might need to show forgiveness.

Describe what a Christian might learn about forgiveness from The Bible.

Show an understanding of how Christians believe God can help them to forgive.