Coley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

SUBJECT FOCUS:	Winter and Christmas	FS2	TERM 2

WHAT? – Key Knowledge

Winter

Winter is one of the four seasons in the year. It comes after autumn. Winter is the months of December, January and February. In the winter the days are short and the nights are long. The weather gets colder and sometimes there is frost.





Frost is when water in the air freezes and becomes ice. It makes the grass and plants look white and gilttery.




When water gets **cold** enough it **freezes** and turns into **ice**. When **ice** is **warmed** it **melts** and turns back into **water**. In the winter you might find frozen puddles or see that the water at the top of a pond has frozen.





Lots of trees in the winter have bare branches after dropping their leaves in the **autumn**. Some trees, like holly and ivy, don't lose their leaves.

Christmas

Christmas is a **Christian** festival. It is celebrated on **25th Decembe**r – this is called **Christmas Day**. The night before is **24th December** and is called **Christmas Eve**.

Christmas is an important celebration for **Christians** who remember the birth of **Jesus**. Christians believe Jesus is God's son. People who aren't Christian might celebrate too.

The story of Jesus' birth is called,'**The Christmas Story**' or,'**The Nativity**.'



A young woman called Mary is visited by an angel who tells her that she will have God's son. Mary had to travel with her husband Joseph to the town of **Bethlehem** to put their names on a **register.** They travelled on a donkey.




In Bethlehem there are so many people staying that the only place they find to stay is a **stable** and Jesus is born there. Mary put Jesus in a **manager**.




Angels went to tell shepherds about Jesus being born and they visited him. Some kings saw a new star when Jesus was born and they followed it to find him. They gave him gifts of **gold, frankincense** and **myrrh**.




To celebrate Christmas people spend time with friends and family, send cards, give gifts, put up a Christmas tree and hang decorations and sing carols. Christians might go to church. On **Christmas Day** people often have a roast dinner.







Key Vocabulary	
Christmas	A holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus.
Christian	A person who believes Jesus is the son of God.
Mary	Jesus' mother
Ice	Frozen water – it is cold and hard.
Frost	Ice made when water in the air freezes.
Melt	When something is warmed and it becomes runny.
Winter	One of the four seasons of the year.
The Nativity	The story of Jesus' birth from the Bible.
Freeze	When a runny liquid like water is made so cold it turns to ice.
Season	One of the four parts of the year is split into – spring summer, autumn or winter.

Books:

Merry Christmas Splat – Rob Scotton

The Christmas Story – Children's Bible

Songs:

When Santa got Stuck in the Chimney

Christmas Pudding

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Possible experiences:

Exploring frost and ice in the outside environment using hands on experience and magnifying glasses.

Look for signs of winter.

Order the seasons.

Sing Christmas carols and songs with the school.

Learn the Christmas story, role-play the story with nativity figures.

Make and write Christmas cards.