

**RE Spring term 2 Year Two**  
**Easter: How do symbols help us to understand the story?**

Key vocabulary	Explanation/ definition	Key Knowledge
Cross	An emblem of Christianity. A wooden structure used to execute Jesus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are different objects and symbols used to help explain and understand the meaning of Easter.</li> <li>• The Easter story is central to Christian belief.</li> <li>• The death and resurrection of Jesus is part of God's salvation plan.</li> </ul>
Crucifix	A cross with the figure of Jesus on it.	
Paschal candle	A large candle blessed and lit on Holy Saturday and placed by the alter until Pentecost.	
Resurrection	Rising again: the coming back to life of Jesus Christ three days after his death.	
Last Supper	The supper eaten by Jesus and his disciples on the night before Jesus' death.	
Eucharist	Religious ceremony in which Christians remember and celebrate Christ's last meal with his disciples.	
Symbol	Shape, design or idea that is used to represent something.	
Light of the World	<u>Jesus, the light of the world</u> , shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome him	
Sacrifice	Giving up something valuable or important to help someone or something else.	
Celebration	The festivities engaged in to celebrate something.	



**Key skills**

By the end of this unit, pupils are expected to be able to:

- Identify and name some of the symbols of Easter.
- Retell the Easter story
- Talk about their own experiences of Easter celebrations.
- Use religious vocabulary to simply describe what the symbols of Easter mean.
- Describe briefly why Christian people celebrate Easter.
- Explain what they think to be the most important thing about Easter.