

## EXPRESSING – L2.5 Why are festivals important to religious communities? (Year 3)

### Key knowledge and skills of the unit

- Make connections between stories, symbols and beliefs with what happens in at least two festivals
- Ask questions and give ideas about what matters most to believers in festivals (e.g. Easter, Eid)
- Identify similarities and differences in the way festivals are celebrated within and between religions
- Explore and suggest ideas about what is worth celebrating and remembering in religious communities and in their own lives

#### Working towards

- Recognise and identify some differences between religious festivals and other types of celebrations
- Retell some stories behind festivals (e.g. Christmas, Diwali, Passover)

#### Working above

- Discuss and present their own responses about the role of festivals in the life of Britain today, showing their understanding of the values and beliefs at the heart of each festival studied, using a variety of media
- Suggest how and why religious festivals are valuable to many people

#### Key vocabulary

Celebrating, community

Christians - Easter, Holy week (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday), serving weeping, praising, rejoicing, crucify

Hindus – Diwali, temptation, good overcoming evil

Muslims – Ramadan, sacrifice

Jewish – Pesach, Passover,

#### Prior learning

F4 Which times are special and why?  
1.6 How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?

#### Future learning

L2.5a How do people from religious and non-religious communities celebrate key festivals?  
U2.5 Is it better to express your beliefs in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?

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3.7 How can people express the spiritual through the arts?

#### Humanist materials link

#### Cultural capital

- Encounter Christianity workshop – What is the Easter story and how do Christians celebrate it?  
<https://encounterchristianity.co.uk/key-stage-2>
- Easter Church service/celebration/speaker
- Hindu speaker
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02n5h10>
- Easter

#### Religions/ world views

Christians, Hindus, Jewish people, Muslims

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diwali (November)</li><li>• Ramadan (March/April)</li><li>• Passover (April)</li></ul> |  |
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