

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Subject: RE

Topic: Easter to Pentecost

Year: 4

Summer 1

What should I already know?

- Luke is a Gospel writer and we are in the year of Luke
- Catholics believe that Jesus rose three days after his death. This belief is called the resurrection and this is the start of Christianity
- The Holy Spirit came to the disciples at Pentecost
- Jesus appeared to some of his disciples on the road to Emmaus

What am I going to learn?

- The 'commercial' Easter symbols such as eggs and rabbits are intended to represent new life. This is to remind us that at Easter, Jesus rose from the dead to new life.
- The women went to the tomb on Easter morning with perfume and spices to put on Jesus' body. In Jewish culture, these are used to fragrance the body.
- Luke tells us that Jesus died on a Friday. Jewish law said that nobody could work from Friday night to Saturday night (it was the Sabbath). This is how we know that it was Sunday morning before the women could go to the tomb to place perfumes and spices around the body.
- The Ascension recalls and celebrates Jesus' departure, in human form, from his life on earth.
- Jesus promised that he would send the Holy Spirit and so it came to the disciples who were gathered in Jerusalem at Pentecost.
- The festival of Shavuot became, in Christian tradition, Pentecost. This is also called the birthday of the Church.

Vocabulary



Ascension: Jesus returns to spirit form to be with God.

Apostles: An apostle delivers the teachings of Jesus to others and tells of His resurrection.

Easter: the time of year when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is the third element of the Trinity. This reminds us that God is present in the world spiritually.

Pentecost: Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, causing them to speak in tongues. This is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday.

Etymology: Pentecost comes from the Greek word five!

Resurrection: Resurrection means bringing someone back to life after they have died. Jesus resurrected from the dead on Easter Sunday.

Shavu'ot: Shavu'ot is a significant Jewish holiday. Shavuot honours the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. It falls fifty days after the second day of Passover.

