

The Springtime Traditions Detective

Learning objective: To explore the narrative themes and cultural traditions of Easter, comparing historical significance with modern-day customs.

Max the monkey is investigating the origins of Easter traditions. Use the word bank to fill in the blanks, then complete the analytical questions below to show your deep understanding of how these customs have evolved over time. Ensure your answers use formal, descriptive language.

Word bank: Resurrection · Spring · Symbolism · Equinox · Tradition · Generosity · Renewal · Observance

1. Explain why the arrival of the Spring Equinox is historically linked to the concept of 'renewal'. (3 marks)

2. Compare and contrast how the religious observance of Easter differs from the secular traditions involving chocolate eggs. (3 marks)

3. Justify your answer: Why do you think many cultures use eggs as a primary symbol during this time of year? (2 marks)

4. What might happen if all traditional Easter customs were removed from society? How would this affect community cohesion? (3 marks)

5. If you were designing a new tradition to represent 'hope', what would you choose and why? (2 marks)

6. Max found an Easter basket costing £4.50. If he buys three for his friends, how much change does he receive from a £20 note? Show your working. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene that represents the concept of 'Renewal'. Incorporate at least three natural symbols that signify the transition from winter to spring.



Extension challenge: Write a short, reflective poem in the style of Leo the Lion. Your poem should focus on the themes of peace and new beginnings, ensuring you use at least three pieces of advanced vocabulary from the word bank provided above.