Understanding the Significance of Easter

Learning objective: To understand the religious significance of Easter within Christianity and identify how it is observed by believers.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of Christian beliefs and traditions to provide thoughtful answers. Use the word bank to help you with key terminology.

Word bank: Resurrection · Holy Week · Good Friday · Easter Sunday · Crucifixion · Lent · New life

1. Explain the significance of 'Lent' in the Christian calendar. What do Christians prepare for during this period? (2 marks)

2. Identify the two most significant days of Holy Week and describe what Christians remember on each of these days. (4 marks)

3. Why is the symbol of an egg often associated with Easter celebrations? Connect this to the core Christian belief of the Resurrection. (2 marks)

4. Max the monkey is helping his friend organise a charity bake sale to raise money for church repairs during the Easter season. If they sell 15 hot cross buns for £1.20 each, how much money will they raise in total? (2 marks)

5. In your own words, why is Easter considered the most important festival in the Christian faith, even more so than Christmas? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene that represents the themes of Easter, such as new life or a traditional symbol, and include a short caption explaining why this symbol is important to Christians.

Extension challenge: Research how different cultures around the world mark the end of the Easter period. Write a short paragraph explaining one tradition that is different from those we see in the UK.