

A Springtime Celebration: The Story of Easter

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by retrieving information, making inferences, and providing reasoned opinions about a text.

Read the passage carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the meanings of the terms used. Answer the questions in full sentences, using evidence from the text where possible.

Easter is a significant festival celebrated by many people across the United Kingdom and the world. For Christians, it is a time to remember the story of Jesus, focusing on themes of hope and new beginnings. The festival is marked by special church services and gatherings with family and friends. Beyond its religious meaning, Easter is often associated with the arrival of spring. As the days grow longer and the flowers begin to bloom, people feel a sense of joy. Many traditions have developed over time to celebrate this season. You might see colourful eggs, which symbolise new life and the promise of spring. Some people enjoy decorating eggs or taking part in egg hunts in the garden. Another popular tradition is the baking of hot cross buns, which are spiced, sweet bread rolls marked with a cross. Whether people are attending services or sharing a meal with their loved ones, Easter is a time for reflection and happiness. It reminds everyone to look forward to the warmer months ahead and to appreciate the beauty of the changing seasons in our natural world.

Word bank: tradition · festival · renewal · symbolise · celebration

1. According to the text, what do decorated eggs symbolise? (1 mark)

2. Name two traditions mentioned in the text that people participate in during Easter. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the arrival of spring is linked to the themes of the Easter festival? (2 marks)

4. How might the mood of people change as the days grow longer and flowers begin to bloom? (2 marks)

5. Which Easter tradition mentioned in the text would you most like to take part in and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing signs of spring, such as blooming flowers or a garden, and include a basket of colourful, decorated eggs.



Extension challenge: Max the monkey is trying to calculate the cost of Easter treats. If one hot cross bun costs 50p, how much would it cost for Max to buy six buns for his friends? Show your working out.