Easter Traditions and Celebrations

Learning objective: I can explain the meaning of Easter and describe how it is celebrated in the UK.

About 25 minutes. Grown-up tip: Talk to your child about what symbols of spring they can see in your local park or garden.

Read each question carefully before you write your answer. Look at the marks to see how much detail you need to provide. For example, a 1-mark question needs a short answer, but a 3-mark question needs an explanation.

Easter is an important time in the Christian calendar. It begins after the period of Lent, which lasts for forty days. Christians remember the events of Holy Week, which leads up to Easter Sunday. This day celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, which is seen as a message of hope and new life. In the UK, people often celebrate with family, share chocolate eggs, and enjoy the arrival of spring in nature.

Word bank: Lent · Good Friday · Easter Sunday · resurrection · new life

1. How long does the period of Lent last before Easter? (1 mark) (1 mark)

2. Name one traditional way that people in the UK might celebrate Easter with their families. (1 mark) (1 mark)

3. Why do Christians believe that Easter is a time of hope? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (3 marks) (3 marks)

4. Explain the difference between Good Friday and Easter Sunday in the Christian story. (4 marks) (4 marks)

5. Max the monkey is looking at spring symbols like eggs and daffodils. Why are these often used as symbols during the Easter season? Give two reasons. (4 marks) (4 marks)

6. Imagine you are explaining the meaning of Easter to a younger child in Reception. Write a short paragraph explaining why it is a special time. Include what it represents and why people feel happy at this time of year. (5 marks) (5 marks)

7. Describe one way you think the community in a small village might show kindness to others during the Easter weekend. Give a reason for your choice. (7 marks) (7 marks)

Draw: A peaceful garden in spring with a robin sitting on a branch near some blooming daffodils.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Research the history of 'hot cross buns'. Why are they traditionally eaten at this time of year? Write three facts you discovered.



I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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