

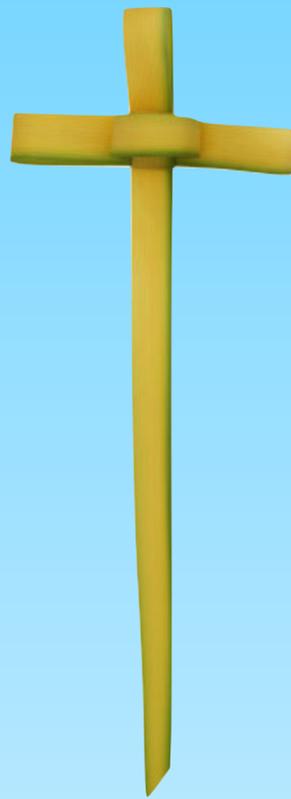
Easter Celebrations 1

Learning Objective:

to find out about different Easter traditions.



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Do you recognise any of these objects?

What do these objects have to do with Easter?



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Easter eggs

Easter Eggs are a big part of Easter. They represent new life and the coming of spring.

They come in many different forms, including chocolate, cardboard, paper, and egg shells.

Easter eggs are said to be brought by the Easter Bunny and are often decorated in pretty colours and patterns.



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Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny is a tradition practised in many parts of the world. The rabbit is also a symbol of new life and the coming of spring.

The Easter Bunny hides eggs for children to find when they wake up on Easter Sunday.

In Switzerland, Easter eggs are delivered by a cuckoo and in parts of Germany a fox delivers the eggs.



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Easter cards

Easter cards are often given out during Easter.

This Easter tradition was first introduced by the Victorians.

Easter cards are often decorated with images of baby chicks, eggs and spring flowers.



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Palm crosses



Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. On this day crosses are traditionally given out to people at church services. People sing songs of praise and imagine what Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem must have been like.

Palm crosses are made from palm leaves. In some churches the left-over Palm crosses are burnt and used on Ash Wednesday the following year, when the ash is placed upon people's foreheads.

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Easter parades

In Medieval times churchgoers would take a walk after Easter Mass. They would all parade behind a crucifix or Easter candle wearing their finest clothes.

Today this tradition has been adapted into Easter parades where people wear Easter bonnets they have decorated for spring.



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Hot cross buns

Hot cross buns are traditionally eaten during Easter.



They are a sweet bread, often made with raisins and sultanas. The top of the bun is decorated with a cross in remembrance of Jesus dying on the cross and then living again.

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Baby chicks



Baby chicks are often seen as a symbol during Easter. They are seen as a sign of spring, new life and new beginnings.

Images of baby chicks are often used on Easter cards and Easter bonnets.

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What Easter traditions have you learnt about today?

Are there any traditions you learnt about today that you didn't know before?

Do you have any Easter traditions of your own?

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Acrostic Poem

Think about all the Easter symbols you have learnt about today. Can you use them to help you write an Easter acrostic poem?

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