



Knowledge Organiser

Subject:	Topic:	Year:	Term:
RE	Christmas Around	3/4	Autumn 2

N.C Statements	Norfolk Agreed Syllabus
<p>Know and understand a range of religions and world views.</p> <p>Explain reasonably their ideas about how beliefs, practices and forms of expression influence people.</p> <p>Appreciate and appraise varied dimensions of religion and world views.</p>	<p>Recall and name different beliefs and practices including festivals and worship.</p> <p>Explore and discuss writings and sources or traditions.</p> <p>Appreciate similarities between communities.</p> <p>Ask and respond to questions about individuals and communities.</p>

Key Vocabulary	
Spelling	Definition
Advent	the first season of the church year, which builds up to Christmas over four Sundays
Epiphany	a celebration on January 6th of when the Wise Men arrived to see Jesus
Jesus Christ	The name of God's son—Jesus, the Messiah
Nisse	A Scandinavian creature (similar to a gnome) linked to Christmas
Posada	a procession (Mexican) the word means 'inn'
Midnight Mass	the act of worship at church after opening presents (Polish)

Key Knowledge	
Area	Information
Christmas	A time of worship for Christians, who remember the birth of Jesus.
Mexican Christmas	A posada is a procession undertaken by children (December 16th to 24th). Nacimiento (the nativity scene) are popular in Mexico.
Polish Christmas	Traditionally, twelve courses are eaten on Christmas Eve. An empty chair is left at the dinner table for two reasons: to remember those who have passed away and in case of last minute visitors.
Norwegian Christmas	Julaften (Christmas Eve) is the main day of celebration. During Romulen (the time between Christmas and New Year's Eve) shops are usually closed. Norwegians often ski or sled at this time.

Key Questions	Misconceptions
<p>What can we learn from different members/expressions of the Christmas tradition?</p> <p>Can I explain how Christmas is celebrated in Poland, Mexico and Norway?</p> <p>Can I name some foods eaten?</p> <p>Can I find similarities and differences between Christmas traditions?</p>	<p>All Christians celebrate Christmas in the same way.</p> <p>Christmas day is the main day of celebration for all Christians.</p> <p>That 'advent' is only linked to calendars.</p> <p>The image of Father Christmas is the same for all people.</p>

Important diagram

