

LO: To know the Easter story and some of the traditions surrounding it

Read the pages and answer the questions. You can write the answers down or you can talk to someone about them. We had a discussion about the date of Easter a couple of weeks ago. Remember the work we did in the first term on the planets and the way in which our calendar is based upon the orbits of the Earth and the Moon around the Sun.

Go to <http://projectbritain.com/festivals.html>

1. On Palm Sunday, people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with shouts of 'Hosanna!' What does this word mean?
2. Which Jewish feast was being celebrated when Jesus entered Jerusalem?
3. Why is Palm Sunday sometimes called 'Fig Sunday'?
4. Which common flower is sometimes known as the 'Lent Lily'?
5. On Maundy Thursday, we remember when Jesus was betrayed by Judas. Where did this take place?
6. The name 'Maundy' means commandment. What is the commandment that Jesus gave?
7. What is Maundy Money?
8. What name did the Anglo-Saxons give to Good Friday? Why?
9. Which foods are traditionally eaten on Good Friday?
10. Why might you want to have your hair cut on Friday?
11. On Easter Sunday, how many balls of marzipan are traditionally placed around a simnel cake?
12. How many grammes of mixed dry fruit are needed to make a simnel cake?
13. Which **unusual event** takes place between the villages of Hallaton and Medbourne, in Leicestershire?
14. Go to 'Easter dates' on the menu on the left and read the paragraph 'Why does the date of Easter move?' There is an animation of the phases of the moon. If you can, look at the moon and note its phase. You should see that it is **waxing** at the moment (Getting bigger).
15. Now go to the menu on the left again and complete the Easter quiz. Have a look at the 'Teaching Resources' section. Lots of the links are broken, but some of them are still there and there are some nice maths and art activities.

To Christians, Easter is a more important festival than Christmas. Why do you think this is?