

## Assembly 6th April - Easter

Hello! I hope this email finds you all fit and healthy.

Welcome to another Monday morning virtual assembly. I hope you enjoyed last week's assembly on Spring. Please remember my questions and discussion points are designed for children from age 5 -11 so not all will be ideal for your children.

We start assembly with the greeting good morning, we say it and sign it.

This week my theme is **Easter**. I always begin my assembly with some music. This week I have selected the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIGqxx9t4As>

Please watch with caution as it is on YouTube and will contain adverts at the beginning.

Questions to ask linked to the music:

- Why do you think this music was selected today?
- This song is on a film sound track – do you recognise it?
- What instruments can you hear?
- How does it make you feel?

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We are so lucky to live in a country where we have religious freedom. Two of our fundamental British values; liberty and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs enable us to practise our faiths and not be in fear to other people's reactions or negative consequences.

Many people in our country are Christian and the important festival of Easter is coming up. It is the oldest and most important Christian Festival. Christians all around the world celebrate the death and coming to life again of Jesus Christ. For Christians, the dawn of Easter Sunday with its message of new life is the high point of the Christian year.

Christians celebrate in churches all over the world. Some services sometimes start at midnight of Easter Eve. Candles are used in churches all over the world to start the midnight celebrations. Churches are often filled with flowers on Easter Day - these represent new life. Christians also celebrate Easter in their own homes.

There are two PowerPoint presentations on the school website so if you would like to share the Easter story please do so. They are two different levels of detail. If you choose to share, please choose the one that you feel is most suitable for your child's understanding and current mind set.

Many of us follow family Easter holiday traditions.

- Do you have any Easter holiday traditions?
- Do any of your friends or family have different traditions to you?

I **LOVE** a hot cross bun!

Following my assemblies some children like to create a piece of work and I display it on my office wall. Below are a few ideas you may like to try. Please remember there is no pressure to complete the activities they are just ideas to keep minds and hands active.

- Make Easter nests (<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/shredded-wheat-nests>)
- Design an Easter egg hunt with clues, remember to use lots of prepositions e.g. on, under, in between, above.
- Eat an Easter egg or hot cross bun!
- There are lots of Easter craft ideas online, just search 'children's Easter craft ideas' please be aware many of the ideas require a lots of different resources and may not be convenient to make at this time when we are all social distancing and only purchasing only essentials.

I hope you enjoy this virtual Monday assembly.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Young