

Hope – Autumn Term

Introduction to the topic:

Advent is a time when we appreciate the love in our lives and prepare to celebrate love becoming a reality in the person of Jesus. Christians at Christmas celebrate the gift of Jesus, given by God as a sign and expression of God's love. Giving and receiving reflects the truth that all life is given by God and life is given meaning through the gift of Jesus.



Key Vocabulary	Definition
Christian	Follower of Christ.
Catholic	A Christian faith with slightly different beliefs to other Christian faiths.
The Bible	The central source of authority and teaching for Christians.
Old Testament	46 books that include the time before Jesus.
New Testament	27 books about Jesus and the time after.
Four Gospels	Books written about Jesus by the apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
Apostle	Means messenger/one who is sent. Sent to deliver the message of Jesus.
Disciple	Learner. A student who learns from a teacher. Christians are disciples of Jesus.
Waiting	Time taken to think about the coming of Jesus.
Hopeful	Waiting, knowing that something good is going to come.
Promised One	The prophet. Christians and Jews believe it is Jesus.
Messiah	The Promised One who will save God's people. Christians and Jews believe it is Jesus.
Prophet	A teacher of God. Moses, Abraham, Isaiah...

Key Knowledge and Learning

Identify the joys and difficulties associated with waiting for something.
Isaiah and Jeremiah's prophecies about the coming of the Messiah.
Waiting in hope for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.
Waiting in hope for the second coming of Christ at the end of time.
Further understanding of the Incarnation.
Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

Questions of meaning and purpose:

Why do people wait with hope?
What does it mean that Jesus is coming at the end of time?
How does waiting for Jesus give comfort to His people?

