St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy

"To provide a high-quality Christian education for all children, enabling them to achieve their full potential in a safe and caring environment."

Preparations

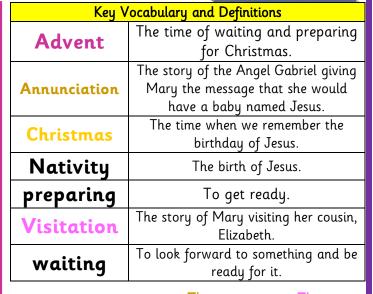
Our Big Question

Do we need to prepare?



Key Knowledge

- In Advent we prepare for Christmas, Jesus' birthday.
- Isaiah wrote about God's promise to send a son.
- We can show love to others to prepare for Christmas.
- The **Advent Wreath** is an evergreen circle with 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle. A candle is lit each week to represent the 4 weeks of Advent.
- The Angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her not to be afraid, God had blessed her and she would have baby called Jesus.
- Mary loved God so much, she agreed to God's plan.
- Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to help her prepare for having her baby, John.
- Elizabeth's baby jumped with gladness when she heard Mary's voice.
- Mary was so happy she sang a song of praise to God.
- Mary and Joseph had to travel Joseph's home town of Bethlehem. Jesus was born in a stable there.
- God gave us his only Son because He loved us and wanted us to know more about His love



Advent Wreath



The Annunciation





Mary

Key Skills



- I can <u>retell</u> some key elements from the Annunciation, Visitation and Nativity. AT1 (i)
- I can begin to use religious words and phrases to **describe** the Advent Wreath. AT1 (ii)
- I can begin to <u>describe</u> and give some examples of how Christians follow Jesus and the light of the world. AT1 (iii)



- I can begin to <u>answer</u> questions about how preparing well makes me feel AT2 (i)
- I can say what I <u>wonder</u> about Jesus, God and Advent. AT2 (ii)



I can <u>listen and respond</u> to points of view about sources linked to preparing. AT3

Prior Knowledge and Skills

- In Advent we get ready for Christmas Jesus' birthday.
- The Advent **Wreath** is an evergreen circle with 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle. Each week another candle is lit.
- The **Angel** Gabriel visited **Mary**. **Mary** loved God so much that she agreed to be the Mother of Jesus.
- Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, who was having a baby.
- Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. A messenger from God visited the shepherds, to tell them that a baby Jesus had been born. Wise men came from the East.
- The Christingle helps us understand God's love.

Scripture

Isaiah 9: 2, 6 (Someone is coming)

Luke 1: 26-31, 38 (The Annunciation – An angel visits Mary)

Luke 1: 39-45 (The Visitation – Mary visits Elizabeth)

Luke 1: 45-55 (Mary's Song of Praise)

Luke 2: 1-7 (The Nativity Story)

