

# Rotherhithe Primary School - RE

**Big Question: What does it mean to belong?**

**Year: 1**

**Topic: How do Christians celebrate Christmas**

## What will I know by the end of the unit?

To know what is a special gift	I can recognise what gifts are special to people  I can talk about my feelings for a special gift
To know why gifts are given at Christmas	I can choose a gift I would like  I can chose a present for a special baby  I can chose a present for a special baby and say why I have chosen it
To understand what makes a good gift	I can talk about what is important to me and others  I can talk about what would the right or wrong gift to give people
To know the Christmas story	I can talk about what happens for a Christian at Christmas  I can talk about why Christmas light candles at Christmas
To experience going to a church	I can visit a place of worship and show respect  I can retell information I have found out on my visit to a church  I can give reasons for why Christians do what they do at Christmas
To explain why Christmas is special for Christians	I can recall 3 things I learnt about Christmas  I can explain the significance of Christmas to Christians

## Vocabulary

Christmas	The festival which celebrates the birth of Jesus.
prophecy	a prediction of what will happen in the future.
swaddling	wrap (someone, especially a baby) in garments or cloth.
Immanuel	God is with us
Messiah	The Saviour of the world
frankincense	Frankincense is the gum or resin of the Boswellia tree, used for making
myrrh	a fragrant gum resin obtained from certain trees and used, especially in the Near East, in perfumery, medicines, and incense.
carols	a religious folk song or popular hymn, particularly one associated with Christmas.
Advent	The word "advent" comes from the Latin "adventus" meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly of something having great importance.
shepherds	a person who tends and rears sheep.

## Christmas Symbols



## Overview

This unit focuses on what Christians do to celebrate the birth of Jesus. You will discuss and learn why people give gifts at Christmas. In this unit you will explore the Christian belief that Jesus is God's gift to the world. There will also be an opportunity to visit a local church and discover more about the Christmas story on your visit. At the end of the unit there will be a Christmas celebration at school.