

## EASTER

### For the teacher

- Easter is the most important festival for all Christians. Many primary schools teach about Easter annually. If you take this approach, careful planning to increase challenge and to help children build on earlier learning is very important.
- Below, you can see a suggested pattern of progression.

Year	Theme	Learning about Easter	Learning from Easter	Activities
R	<b>New Life</b>	Easter eggs	Signs of spring New beginnings	Pages 6 – 7
1	<b>Celebration</b>	Easter Sunday Sundays	Time of joy and celebration	Pages 4 and 6
2	<b>Easter garden</b>	Outline of main events of Easter story with a focus on events in the garden	New beginnings – bulbs, seeds – all look dead but hold the promise of new life – resurrection	Page 8
3	<b>Sorry/joy</b>	Good Friday/Easter Sunday	Sad and happy times	See Developing Primary RE: Jesus Page 24 –29
4	<b>Service to others</b>	Last Supper Jesus washes the feet of the disciples	How can we show humility? How can we 'serve' others?	Pages 9 –10 See also Developing Primary RE: Jesus pages
5	<b>Failure and forgiveness</b>	Peter's story – events of the last week through Peter's eyes	Times we have let someone down; being given a second chance; making amends.	Page 3 See also Developing Primary RE: Faith Stories Page 17
6	<b>New beginnings</b>	An ending becomes a new beginning Jesus' death and resurrection (Eastern Orthodox focus)	Heaven: children's ideas of heaven	Pages 11 – 12 See also Developing Primary RE: Jesus pages 27 - 28