Year 5 Term 2

RE: Incarnation (Christianity)

Was Jesus the Messiah?

What should we know?

That Christians believe:

- Jesus is **God** incarnate and they believe that his birth, life, death and **resurrection** were part of a longer plan by **God** to restore the relationship between humans and **God**.
- Jesus is the Prince of Peace and one who transformed lives, through bringing peace and transformation in the world.
- Jesus is more than the **Messiah** — but **God** in the flesh — means that faith in Jesus can transform individuals' lives now: the Gospels are not just stories.

The Old Testament talks about a 'rescuer' or 'anointed one' – a **Messiah**. Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled these expectations, and that he is the **Messiah**. Christmas is a time of celebration of the arrival of the **Messiah**.



The Gospels

The Gospels are eyewitness accounts of the people who lived and spoke with Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel the Jewish followers of Jesus gradually began to believe that Jesus was this **Messiah**.



What should we be able to do?

- Know that Jesus was Jewish.
- Understand that 'Christ' is the Greek word for 'anointed one', or '**Messiah**'.
- Jewish people do not think Jesus is the **Messiah**.
- That Christians see Jesus as their **Saviour.**
- Give our own view to answer the questions 'Was Jesus the **Messiah**?' supported by a reasoned argument.

What words should we be able to understand and be able to use?

God: The all-powerful and all-loving being that Christians believe created the world and everything in it.

Incarnation: 'in the flesh'; Christians believe Jesus is God 'in the flesh', or God in-carnate.

Messiah: sent by God to save humanity.

Prophecy: A prediction of what will happen in the future.

Resurrection: Jesus Christ's return to life on the third day after his death.

Saviour: The redeemer of sin and saver of souls.

Trinity: The Christian belief that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit; three in one.

Key theological terms: Creation, Fall, People of God, Messiah, Incarnation, Gospel and Salvation.

Matthew's Gospel refer to prophecies made by Jewish prophets Isaiah and Micah. Their prophecies describe what the **Messiah** will be like.