





West Kirby Primary School		Christmas around the World	RE Autumn 2 2023 UKS2
Vocabulary		Place of Worship	Key Facts
Folktale	A Folktale is a story that gets passed on from generation to generation	 <p>Church A church is a public place of worship, usually for people of the Christian religion.</p>	<p><u>UK</u> Many people decorate their houses with lights and a Christmas Tree. Children look forward to Santa's visit on Christmas Eve. Many Christians go to church to celebrate Jesus' birth.</p> <p><u>UKRAINE</u> The main Christmas meal, called 'Sviata Vecheria' (or Holy Supper) is eaten on Christmas Eve and you can't start eating the meal until the first star is seen in the sky. St Nicholas (known as Svyatyi Mykolai) visits children on December 19th which is also when Ukraine celebrates St Nicholas's Day.</p> <p><u>POLAND</u> St Nicholas' Day is celebrated on the 6th December. Children hope that they will get a little present from 'Small Nicholas' (Mały Mikołaj) often left in a shoe or near a fireplace. The main Christmas meal is eaten in the evening and is called "Kolacja wigilijna" (Christmas Eve supper).</p> <p><u>NIGERIA</u> The Christmas meal in Nigeria is usually roasted goat meat and chicken with rice. Special events and dances take place. There are masquerade displays where dancers perform wearing masks. There is a festive atmosphere with lots of sparklers and fireworks to celebrate the day.</p>
Folklore	Folklore is a collection of stories or customs believed by different communities around the world.		
Magi	They are the wise men in the Bible who followed a star to Bethlehem.		
Catholicism	It is the oldest and largest branch of Christianity.		
Epiphany	When the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world.		
Winter solstice	The exact moment when half of Earth is tilted the farthest away from the sun. It usually happens on December 21 or 22, at the exact same second around the world.		
Sacraments	Sacraments are outward signs of a Christian's internal faith.	<p><u>Religious Text</u></p>  <p>The Bible The holy book of Christians is the Bible. It consists of sacred scriptures of Judaism and Christianity.</p>	
Pope	The Pope is the head of Catholic Church. His official title is the Bishop of Rome.	<p><u>Religious symbol</u></p>  <p>The cross is a symbol of sacrifice and reminds Christians of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made when he gave his life to save the people.</p>	<p><u>Key Stories</u></p> <p>The accounts of the birth of Jesus from the Gospels in the Bible. The Story of St Nicholas (Poland) The Story of the Christmas Spider (Ukraine) Joy's Nigerian Christmas (Fuji Music)</p> 
Saint	A saint is a person who is believed to be especially close to God.		
Tradition	The handing down of information, beliefs, or customs from one generation to another.		