Year 1 and 2 – Why does Easter matter to Christians?

What we already know:	What's next?
Jesus brings good news about love, prayer, thankfulness, and forgiveness. Jesus is the Son of God.	The children will build on this knowledge as they move

Summary of Knowledge
The Easter Story is a Key element of the 'Big Story' of the Bible. In it, Jesus showed that he was willing to forgive all people even for putting him on the cross. Christians believe Jesus builds a bridge between God and humans and Christians believe Jesus rose again, giving people hope of a new life. The Easter story teaches of forgiveness and salvation.

Mini Question 1 What has Easter got to do with salvation?	Mini Question 2 What has the Easter story got to do with new life?	Mini Question 3 How do Cristians show their beliefs about Jesus?
The children will explore Easter as festival in spring and it's an important part of the bible. They will share and retell key parts of the Easter story, focussing in on how Salvation is a key message of the Easter story. The children will share	The children will focus their learning on the resurrection element of the Easter Story. The children will explore how an egg is the start of new life and rolling the stone away from the tomb was symbolic of the start of this new life. The children will explore the concept of salvation and how it was a new life for people as God was now	This lesson will see the children visit Reverand Paula and Reverand Greg at Church. They will explore the church for symbols of Jesus's role as saviour and will spend time considering how Christians show their beliefs regarding Jesus in church and prayer.
Mini Question 4 **What emotions are shared in the easter story?**	**Mini Question 5** **What part does Easter play in the 'Big Story' of the bible?**	**Vocabulary**
This lesson will explore the emotions connected with the easter story – mainly sadness, happiness and hope. The children will retell the Easter story considering which part is associated with which emotion and why. They will think about how Jesus asked God to forgive and created a hope for new life.	In this lesson, the children will see the Easter Story as part of the bigger story of the bible. They will look at how sin, forgiveness, sacrifice and salvation are part of that story and what this teaches about Jesus and God.	salvation Jesus God disciples Easter Holy Week resurrection Jerusalem