## RE - Year 2 – Autumn 1 Cycle B - Unit 2.2 Christmas – Why is it Good News?

## Why was the birth of Jesus such good news?

Substantive Knowledge         • Christmas is a celebration of the good news.         • Angels are the good news bringers.         • Christians believe that the good news is that Jesus is the saviour of the world.         • Christians believe that the content of the Christmas story is good news.         • The good news impacts on the world then and now.	<ul> <li>Markers for Assessment for Substantive Knowledge</li> <li>That Christians believe that the birth of Jesus is good news.</li> <li>That angels brought the good news to Zachariah, Mary and the shepherds.</li> <li>That Christians believe Jesus is the saviour of the world.</li> </ul>	Below	Above
Disciplinary Knowledge         • Ask good questions about the Christmas story.         • Tell you all about what happened to Zachariah.         • Tell you the Christmas story.         • Talk about the message of the angels.         • Describe the different ways artists portray angels.         • Talk about the ways Christians share the good news at Christmas time	<ul> <li>Markers for Assessment for Disciplinary Knowledge</li> <li>Retell the Christmas story, including the story of Zechariah.</li> <li>Talk about their own feelings and experiences of good news.</li> <li>Ask and respond sensitively to questions about the experiences of Mary and the shepherds.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Prior Substantive Knowledge <ul> <li>I know that the wise men visited Jesus after the shepherds.</li> <li>I know that Christians believe that Jesus is a gift from God.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Prior Disciplinary Knowledge <ul> <li>I can retell the nativity story.</li> <li>I can talk about giving and receiving gifts.</li> <li>I can talk about Christians believing that Jesus is God's son</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Vocabulary Good news, Elizabeth, Zechariah, Jesus, Mary, Angel Gabriel, Joseph, s Christian Values Hope, Love, Faith	shepherds, B	ethlehem
<ul> <li>Questions (potential 'hook' questions for lessons)</li> <li>How is good news delivered? Who passes on good news?</li> <li>Why was the birth of Jesus good news?</li> <li>Why is this news so important?</li> <li>What difference did it make to the world?</li> <li>How did the good news spread further? How is this good news told today?</li> <li>The news is very old, how can it still be good news?</li> <li>What do angels do? What do angels look like?</li> </ul>	<b>Cross-Curricular/Enrichment</b> English – Diary entries for Zachariah, Mary and the shepherds English – Drama from perspective of different characters Geography – Christmas around the world Art – Christmas Art		
Link to World Faith No specific link Christmas around the world			