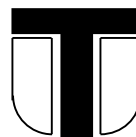# Religious Education
Y6 Autumn Term 2
How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother?

Knowledge

- Christians believe that Mary was chosen to be the mother of God over all other women on Earth.
- Christians believe that Jesus was God incarnate.
- Christians believe that God came to Earth incarnate to show people how to lead good lives, forgive them for the things they do wrong and prove to them (through resurrection) that there is life after death.
- The gospel of John may suggest that Jesus needed to be born of an earthly mother to truly be God incarnate.
- Mary was a virgin; the idea of the virgin birth is important as it shows that Jesus was God incarnate and not the son of two earthly parents.
- Mary was an ordinary, humble young woman, which showed that Jesus had come as the Saviour for all of humankind.
- In the historical context of the New Testament, becoming pregnant 'out of wedlock' would have led to public disgrace and punishment.
- The gospel of Luke initially describes Mary as troubled and doubtful to learn about the immaculate conception.
- It subsequently describes Mary as feeling blessed by God and pleased to be God's servant.
- The gospel of Matthew describes the way that Joseph doubted Mary and considered calling off their marriage until he was reassured by an angel.

Vocabulary

God = the Christian supreme being, creator and ruler of the universe

gospels = four books of the Bible which are biographies of Jesus' life and teachings

immaculate conception = the idea that Mary became pregnant without reproducing biologically through sexual intercourse

Jesus = God incarnate, known as the son of God, the Saviour or Messiah (chosen one)

incarnate = in human form, derived from the Latin 'in flesh'

the incarnation = the concept that Jesus was God on Earth in human form/in the flesh

Saviour = Jesus, who saved people from sin so that they can be close to God

virgin birth = the idea that Mary became pregnant without reproducing biologically through sexual intercourse