

### The Wintershall Travelling Crib

The Travelling Crib offers a learning experience like no other! Travelling through Advent, all the way to Bethlehem, this unique event looks at the people involved in the first Christmas and how Christians today respond to this very special story.

Workshops encourage children and staff to deeply wonder and reflect with the characters they meet. Special pilgrim bags are given to each participant to take home and teacher resource packs provide additional learning opportunities back in the classroom.

Below you will how the Travelling Crib links to the learning you are doing in the classroom – these links are just the starting point.... there are no limits to the impact this story has on so many in our world today!

#### Learning Objectives

- To explore the story of some of the key characters from Advent and Christmas, through costumed interpretation (Mary, The Wise Man, The Shepherd, The Angel, The traveller, and donkey)
- To consider how the events of Christmas have impacted Christian belief and worship today

This workshop supports the following Curriculum Links:

#### **Agreed Syllabus for RE in Surrey Schools Christianity themes:**

Year 1: What is the Nativity and Why is it important to Christians?

Year 2: Why is giving important to Christians?

Year 3: How can artists help us to understand what Christians believe?

Year 4: What did the birth of Jesus say about God's kingdom and why is it 'good news'?

Year 5: How does God's 'big story' of Salvation begins with the birth of Jesus?

Year 6: What do Christians believe about the Messiah and why is it good news?

#### **The Religious Education Directory for Catholic Schools: Branch Two - Prophecy and Promise:**

**EYFS:** Celebrate the tradition of the Crib to tell the story of Jesus. Advent is a time to get ready.

**Year 1:** Hear accounts from the Annunciation through to the visit from the shepherds. Recognise that angels bring God's message. Recognise that Mary said yes to God's call.

**Year 2:** Advent is the season when Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. Recognise the meaning of the Advent Wreath and how Christians prepare for Christmas.

**Year 3:** Compare the signs used in Advent and Christmas and their meaning to Christians. Recognise how Joseph put his trust in God. Recall that angels bring God's messages

**Year 4:** Advent is a time of preparation for Jesus' incarnation at Christmas. Make links between the words of Isaiah, John the Baptist and the season of Advent.

**Year 5:** For Christians, Jesus fulfils the promises made to David. Wonder about the image of the shepherd and what it means to be a good shepherd today.

**Year 6:** Mary became the 'Mother of God' by her 'Yes' to God's plan. Consider the women who are important or significant in our lives today.