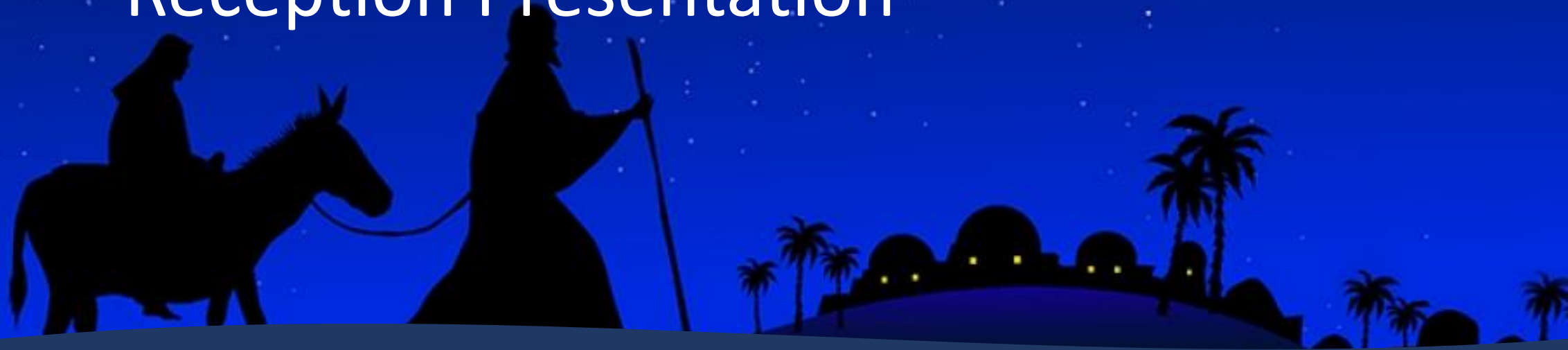


# Reception Presentation



Our focus theme this term is 'Come and Celebrate'. We have learnt about lots of different festivals celebrated by different cultures and religions.

We are going to retell the story of the first Christmas, which we celebrate today as Christmas day.

**YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A BABY!**



Long ago in a little town called Nazareth, lived Mary and Joseph. One day, when Mary was alone in her home, Angel Gabriel came and told her that God has chosen her to have a child, and he would be the son of God. He would be called Jesus and would be a very important person.







Mary told Joseph what Angel Gabriel had told her. King Herod was carrying out a census so Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem to put their name on the register.





When they arrived in Bethlehem it was very busy and they needed to find a room for the night. Joseph knocked at the door of an inn, but he was told that there was no room for him and Mary, he tried again and again but they kept getting turned away.



'Sorry no room at the inn but  
you can stay in my stable.'



Joseph tried one final inn, and although it was  
full, the kind innkeeper let Mary and Joseph  
sleep in the stable.





Mary and Joseph were very grateful. They led their donkey into the warm stable and made a bed in the straw, amongst the animals. Then the baby Jesus was born, there in the stable surrounded by the peaceful animals. Mary wrapped him up warm and placed him in a manger.

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Some shepherds were watching their flock when they were blinded by a bright light, it was an angel who brought them the great news. He told them that they must go to Bethlehem, where the son of God had been born, so they set off straight away.

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Meanwhile in the East, Three Wise Men saw this bright new star in the sky. They knew that a very special baby had been born and they too, set off following the star.







Following the north star.







It was peaceful in the stable in Bethlehem. Just then, the door creaked open. The baby's visitors arrived. The shepherds came in, telling Mary and Joseph that they had travelled a long way to see the special baby.







And then more visitors arrived. It was the Three Wise Men, bearing gifts for baby Jesus. They brought gold, myrrh, and frankincense, and they lay down their gifts where baby Jesus lay, in his manger.





As the stars twinkled  
and the angels sang,  
Mary, Joseph, the  
shepherds, the wise  
men and all the  
animals gathered  
round the baby Jesus  
together...







...for they knew this had been a very special day.