

April 2019

Passover Celebrations

On Monday 1st April Mr Cole came to talk to Willow Class about the Jewish Celebration of "Passover".



He showed us the Seder Plate and talked to us about how the Jews celebrate the Seder meal, with special foods.



These foods include:

a roasted, hard-boiled egg that represents sacrifice but also new life

a little mincemeat (like at Christmas), which symbolises the mortar used by the Israelites when they were forced to make bricks

There are also four small glasses of wine to drink throughout the meal. The wine is a symbol of freedom.

parsley, which symbolises the freshness of spring

Salt water to symbolise the tears and sweat of enslavement

A roasted lamb or chicken bone to symbolises offerings made to God

Two types of bitter herbs, reminding people of the bitterness of slavery

A cracker called "Matzoh" - which is an unleavened bread (has no yeast in).

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The Seder meal with special foods is done to remember the Jewish people who worked as slaves for a cruel Pharaoh in Egypt 3000 years ago.

A man called Moses lead the Jewish people, and whenever Pharaoh refused Moses's request to free the Jews God sent another plague. There were ten altogether!

The last was when God sent an Angel to take the first born son of every family. God protected the Jewish families by telling them to slaughter a lamb, and use a brush to paint its blood around their homes' doorways. When the Angel saw the blood, it passed over the house and the sons were saved.



Mrs Dodd read the Passover story to us, and Mr Cole blessed a Matzoh that symbolised the Messiah coming to Earth and fulfilling God's promises.



Alexander found the hidden Matzoh first, and won a prize!