An Ode to Easter

Can you write a poem about Easter? It can take any form you like, such as a shape poem or acrostic poem. Use the boxes to plan your poem and write it below.

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The rabbits’ sentences are all repetitive. Can you help them by changing the word in brackets to an appropriate pronoun?

Jason put (Jason’s) ________________ eggs in a basket.

The basket overflowed because (the basket) ________________ was full.

The children had sore tummies because (the children) ________________ had eaten too much chocolate.

My family has an Easter egg hunt because (my family) ________________ all love sweets.

Amira won the Easter bonnet competition with (Amira’s) ________________ beautiful hat.
Chocolate Conjunction Confusion

The chocolate conjunctions have been muddled up! Can you put each conjunction into the correct box?

when  where  so  before
after  while  wherever  because

time  place  cause

Use three of these words in Easter-themed sentences.

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During the local egg-rolling competition, many people were overheard not using Standard English. Can you help to correct the following sentences so they can be reported in the local news?

We was amazed by the huge crowds.

Abdul said he seen the biggest egg ever.

Although I ain’t won, I enjoyed the day.

I done my best when it were my turn.
In the UK, Easter is now one of the major Christian festivals of the year with many customs and traditional food. It is, however, believed that Easter originates from the ancient Anglo-Saxon goddess of the dawn and spring – Eostre.

In Britain, Easter occurs at a different time each year – it is determined by the first full moon following the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere – meaning it can occur on any Sunday between 22nd March and 25th April. It is the end of winter but also the end of Lent (a time of fasting in the Christian calendar) so is often a fun celebration.

On the Thursday before Easter Sunday (known as Maundy Thursday), The Queen takes part in the Ceremony of the Royal Maundy. This involves the distribution of Maundy money (small silver coins) to elderly people who have done something deserving.

Over Easter, schools in the UK close for two weeks and the Friday before Easter Sunday and the Monday after are a bank holiday. Many Christians attend church at this time or other events where they might see a variety of traditional activities, such as:

**Morris Dancing**
This is a traditional dance that probably dates back to at least the 1400s. Usually men (although in modern times, women too) dance to music in a rhythmic way, wearing bells on their legs and often waving handkerchiefs or hitting sticks together.

**Egg Rolling**
Eggs are a symbol of new life so have been associated with spring and Easter for a long time. In many towns and villages across the UK, it is possible to attend egg rolling competitions over the Easter weekend. It is thought to symbolise the rolling away of the stone from Jesus’ tomb before his resurrection.

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**Glossary**
- **bank holiday**: A day on which banks are officially closed; a public holiday.
- **fasting**: Abstaining from all or some kinds of food or drink.
- **Maundy Thursday**: A commemoration of the Last Supper.
- **northern hemisphere**: The northern half of the earth as divided by the equator.
- **resurrection**: The rising of Christ from the dead.
1. What is Lent?

2. Find three Easter traditions.
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3. In your own words, explain what is meant by fasting.

   
   
   
   
   

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Easter Adverbials

Look at the Easter scenes. Can you write four sentences about each picture, beginning each sentence with a fronted adverbial? Use the bank of adverbials below to help you.

Joyously

In the distance

Without hesitation

Later that day

In the blink of an eye

Feeling excited
The Easter Bunny is confused whether to use a plural or possessive ‘s’. Can you help him to put the correct ‘s’ on each of the words?

I found four egg___ on the egg hunt.

Micha___ hat won the Easter bonnet competition.

The bunny___ bow is red.

The daffodil___ on the school field are growing quickly.

The hat___ don't fit in the box.

The rabbit___ basket is full of egg___.
Easter Expanded Noun Phrases

Can you improve these sentences by expanding the noun phrases with the addition of modifying nouns, adjectives or prepositional phrases?

1. The eggs exploded.
   _______________________________________
   _______________________________________

2. We made hot cross buns.
   _______________________________________
   _______________________________________

3. The plants were growing.
   _______________________________________
   _______________________________________

4. Amara showed us how to sign 'spring'.
   _______________________________________
   _______________________________________

5. We visited the church at Easter.
   _______________________________________
   _______________________________________
Direct Speech Disaster

A local reporter jotted down some of the comments that people made during the Easter bonnet parade. Before she is able to write them in her report, could you help her to correct them?

Your hat is exquisite, commented Sasha.

“How long did your hat take you to make, asked Hamza?”

“These are the most intricate hats we have ever seen” stated the mayor.

Mr Gerald explained We have spent the past term designing and making hats at school.

“I can’t wait for next year’s competition.” said Gita.
Think and Write: An Eggscellent Easter Cake

Sentence 1: Include a fronted adverbial.

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Sentence 2: Include a possessive pronoun.

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Sentence 3: Include an apostrophe to mark plural possession.

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Sentence 4: Write an exclamation sentence.

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Direct Speech Disaster

Your job is to become a secret agent. The words below are written in code. Break the code using the information below. Find the letter from the code word on the bottom row and swap it for the letter above it. What hidden words are being spelt?

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Now, use the code above to make your own code words. Ask an adult to try to decipher them. Which top secret words have you hidden?

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Unscramble the statutory spelling words below. The ones hidden in the eggs will spell out an Easter-themed word when unscrambled. Can you find it?

The word is:  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __