Vernal equinox – Glossary

accumulate  verb [intransitive]
to increase in quantity over a period of time

Anglo-Saxon  noun [countable]
one of the people who came to England in the fifth century and ruled it until 1066

axis  noun [countable]
ASTRONOMY an imaginary line through the middle of an object such as a planet, round which it seems to spin

burial  noun [countable/uncountable]
the process of putting a dead body into a grave in the ground at a funeral

convinced  adjective
certain that something is true
Despite all my father’s arguments, I still wasn’t convinced.

Easter  noun [countable/uncountable]
a Sunday in March or April when Christians celebrate the time when Jesus Christ died then returned to life according to the Bible

equinox  noun [countable]
ASTRONOMY one of the two days in the year when the day and night are the same length

fertile  adjective
fertile land is able to produce good crops or plants

goddess  noun [countable]
one of the female spirits or beings with special powers that people in some religions believe in and worship

harvest  verb [intransitive/transitive]
to collect a crop from the fields

hemisphere  noun [countable]
one half of the Earth, divided between north and south by the equator

loved one  noun [countable]
someone who you care about very much, especially a member of your family

magnetic  adjective
PHYSICS a magnetic piece of metal can make iron or steel objects come to it so that they seem to stick to it

offering  noun [countable]
something that people give as a present to God (the spirit, being or force that many people believe created and controls the universe)

pagan  adjective
relating to an ancient religion that had many gods and praised nature

rebirth  noun [uncountable]
the belief, according to some religions, that a person’s spirit is born again into another body after death

renewal  noun [countable/uncountable]
a process of improving, repairing or making something more successful

resurrection  noun [singular/uncountable]
the act of making something exist again or of starting to use something again after it has disappeared, been forgotten or stopped being used

Saxon  noun [countable]
a member of a group of German people who came to live in England in the fifth and sixth centuries

spring cleaning  noun [countable/uncountable]
the activity of cleaning a house completely, especially at the end of winter

symbolise  verb [transitive]
to be a symbol of something

tilt  verb [intransitive]
if something tilts, it moves so that one side is lower than the other

tomb  noun [countable]
a grave where a dead person is buried, especially one consisting of a large stone structure

upright  adverb
in or into a straight standing position
Pictures were propped upright against all the walls.

worktop  noun [countable]
BRITISH a flat surface for working on in a kitchen

worship  noun [uncountable]
the activity of showing respect and love for a god, for example by singing or praying