

North Road Community Primary School



Religious Education Knowledge Organiser

Learning Question: Who is a Jew and what do they believe?

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Term: 1&2 (Cycle B)

Vocabulary		What should we already know?			
General		Key Figures or Gods		Key Beliefs	
Pilgrimage	A pilgrimage is a sacred journey, undertaken for a spiritual purpose.	Jew	A follower of the religion Judaism .		
Judaism		Moses		Hanukkah is the ‘festival of lights’ when Jews light a Hannukah menorah dedicated to God. 	
Barmitzvah	A ceremony to show a Jewish boy has become an adult. It happens when a boy is 13 years old.	Rabbi	Moses is the most important prophet in Judaism. He wrote the Torah, was given the Ten Commandments from God and led the Israelites out of slavery from Egypt.		
Batmitzvah	A ceremony to show a Jewish girl has become an adult. It happens when a girl is 12 years old.		Jewish religious leader and teacher.		
Fast	A period of time when Jews do not eat or drink.				
Hebrew	A language used by Jewish people.	What will we know by the end of this term? • Jews believe in one God. They also try to live by the Ten Commandments. • Hebrew is a special language for Jews. Jews believe God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses in Hebrew. The Torah is written in Hebrew and Jews learn to read it. • Passover, is one of three festivals (Passover, Yom Kippur, Sukkot) when Jews remember being led out of slavery by Moses. The Sabbath • The Sabbath lasts from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday. Jews celebrate as a family. They enjoy a special meal with prayers and songs. On the Shabbat day, they celebrate God’s creation (God rested on the seventh day) and call it the ‘day of delight’.			

Place of Worship

Jewish people go to a **synagogue** to worship. Men and women sit separately in some synagogues. The most important part of the synagogue is the **Ark**. This is where the **Torah** is kept. The Torah is treated with great respect. Jews are not allowed to touch it.



Symbols and Artefacts						
The Jewish holy book is called the Torah and Tanukh . Jews believe that it is a record of the exact words that God said. 	 The Star of David is the symbol of the Jewish community.	The place where the Torah is kept in a synagogue . 	A tallit is a special prayer shawl used by Jewish men to pray. 	A kippah is a special cap worn by Jewish men and boys to show respect to God. 	A Bimah is a raised platform in a synagogue where the Torah is read from. 	The mezuzah is a piece of parchment inscribed with specific verses from the Torah. 