



Preston Primary School Knowledge Organiser

Unit 2 - Religious Education

Communication

Critical-Thinking

Collaboration

Creativity

Topic: RE – Who is Jewish and how do they live – part 1

Term: Autumn 2

Year: 1 and 2




Duration: 6 weeks

What I already know:

Children will already know:

- In foundation, children will have learned that some religions have special items.
- Last year, the year 2s will have explored some special items from the Christian and Islamic faith.

The Powerful Knowledge we will take away from this Learning Enquiry (what will be learning):

 Making sense of belief	 Understanding the impact.	 Connecting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce Jewish beliefs about God as expressed in the Shema • Understand the main beliefs of the Jewish faith. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give examples of how Jewish people celebrate special times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about what they think is good about reflecting, thanking, praising and remembering for Jewish people, giving good reasons for their ideas. • Give a good reason for their ideas whether reflecting, thanking, praising and remembering.

Word	Meaning
Shema	A very important Jewish prayer, found in Deuteronomy 6: 4-9. The word Shema means to hear or listen.
Mezuzah	A scroll with the words of the Shema written on. It is kept inside a case.
Shabbat	Jewish people remember God's day of rest.
Hanukkah	A Jewish festival of light.
Menorah	A candelabra with multiple branches. This usually has 7 branches, but there is also a special, festival one that is used for Hanukkah. This one hold 9 candles. Each is lit during the 8 day Jewish festival of Hanukkah.
Challah bread	A special bread eaten on special days, such as Shabbat and festival days.
Star of David	The Jewish symbol.
Torah	The Jewish holy text. This is usually a scroll, and is so special that people cannot touch it with their hands when reading it.
Yad	A special reading stick used to keep place when reading the Torah scroll.

[You might find it useful to explore this website with your child when learning about Judaism.](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znwhfg8/articles/zj446v4)

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Hanukkah is the Jewish festival of light. A special 9-branched Menorah is lit.



The Mezuzah is a scroll in a decorative case. The scroll contains some very important Jewish prayers, such as the Shema. These are often found in the entrances and doorways of Jewish houses, to remind the occupants that God is always with them.



The Torah is the Jewish holy text. It is a scroll that is so special, it cannot be touched. Instead, a special stick called a 'yad' is used.



The Star of David is the main symbol of the Jewish faith.