

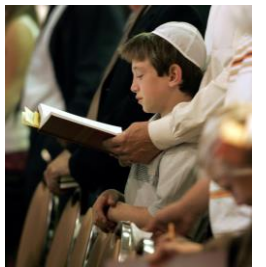
Religious Education FS2/I Summer Term 2



Are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important to Jewish children?

Knowledge

- Jewish people follow the religion of Judaism.
- Rosh Hashanah is the celebration of Creation and Jewish New Year – it symbolises a fresh start.
- During Rosh Hashanah, many Jewish people think about what they have achieved in the last year and what they hope to achieve next year.
- Many Jewish people worship at the Synagogue and pray for a happy and positive new year.
- An instrument made from a sheep's horn – the shofar – is blown one hundred times to call in the new year.
- Many Jewish families share meals of sweet foods, including honey, to symbolise a sweet year ahead.
- Forgiveness is about moving on and having a fresh start.
- During Rosh Hashanah, many Jewish people also think about how they can make the coming year better than the last one. They spend the next ten days thinking about what they've done wrong over the year, asking for forgiveness and trying to make things right.
- Yom Kippur is a Jewish holy day that comes after those ten days.
- Most Jewish people go to the Synagogue on Yom Kippur. The day is spent praying to God for forgiveness for the things they've done wrong.
- During Yom Kippur, many Jewish people fast for 25 hours, wear plain white clothes and give money to charity, all to show God how sorry they are and that they want to be forgiven.



Vocabulary

challah bread = a round loaf of bread, traditionally eaten at Rosh Hashanah

fasting = not eating, often for religious reasons

forgiveness = people seek forgiveness from others or God when they know they have done wrong and want to move on and have a fresh start

God = the creator of the universe and all life, worshipped by many Jewish people

holy day = a special religious day of celebration

Jewish = a person who follows the religion of Judaism

Judaism = a religion believing in one God; one of the oldest religions in the world

Rosh Hashanah = the celebration of Creation and Jewish New Year – it symbolises a fresh start

shofar = an instrument made out of a sheep's horn, that is blown to call in the new year

Synagogue = the Jewish holy building; many Jewish people celebrate holy days by worshipping here

Yom Kippur = a holy day when many Jewish people show God that they are sorry for the things that they've done wrong and ask for forgiveness

