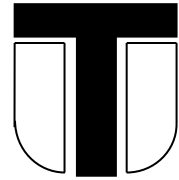


Year 4/5 RE
Spring Term 1

How do beliefs and traditions give Jewish people
a sense of belonging?



Knowledge

- Judaism is a monotheistic religion which has existed for around 3400 years; there are many customs and traditions involved in practising Judaism.
- Hanukkah is a Jewish festival celebrated each year in November or December.
- Hanukkah lasts for eight days because it celebrates an ancient miracle where a lamp with very little oil stayed alight for eight days.
- Jewish people follow many mitzvot (commandments) and see following these rules as an opportunity to show respect to God's authority and to have a close relationship with God.
- Kashrut rules specify which foods Jewish people can and can't eat.
- The foods that can be eaten are known as Kosher.
- Passover is a Jewish festival celebrated each March or April to remember how Jewish people were freed from slavery in Egypt.
- Passover is celebrated by sharing the Seder meal; each part of the meal represents part of the story of Passover.



Vocabulary

commandments (mitzvot) = rules that have been decreed by God

Hanukkah (Chanukah) = the Jewish festival of lights which celebrates the miracle of a lamp with very little oil continuing to burn for eight days

Hebrew = the ancient language of Jewish people, used for prayers and services

Jewish = someone who is Jewish practises the religion of Judaism

Judaism = a monotheistic religion based on the beliefs of the ancient Hebrews

kashrut = Jewish dietary rules about what Jewish people can eat and how the food should be prepared

kosher = foods that Jewish people are allowed to eat are described as kosher

menorah = a candle-holder with eight branches, used to celebrate Hanukkah

monotheistic = describes religions based on the belief that there is only one god

Passover (Pesach) = the Jewish festival which celebrates the liberation of the ancient Jews from slavery in Egypt

Seder = a ceremonial dinner on the first night of Passover, which has specific items of food to tell the Passover story

