Judaism – Autumn '24 – KS2

What do Jewish people believe about God, the Covenant and Torah?

This half term we will be finding out about the Jews covenant with God and how they show this in their everyday lives. We will also look at how important the Torah and other Jewish scripture are to Jewish people.



Additional Key Questions UKS2

God and Covenant

Do you know the story of Abraham who Jews believe began the two-way relationship with God?
Do you know about Bar and Bat Mitzvah and why they are important in a Jewish person's life?

Torah

Do you know that Jewish scripture is called the Tenach and is made of 3 sections including the Torah?
Can you explain what the Talmud is and that it helps Jews to put the rules found in the Torah into practice?
Do you know what the Shema is and why it is important to Jews?

Key Questions – KS2

God and Covenant

Do you know that Jews believe there is one God who is placed above all else?
Do you know that Jews made an agreement or covenant with God, and what that covenant is?
Can you say what the Passover / Pesach celebrates and why it is important to Jews?
Can you say what a Mezuzah is, where it is, what is inside it and how it is used?

Torah

Can you say how special the Torah is to Jewish people and how they show this in their lives at home, work and at synagogue?
Can you say how Jews celebrate Shabbat and why they do what they do?
Do you know the Torah is the first five books of Moses, is written in Hebrew and means teaching?
Do you know that some Jews wear Tefillin and what they contain?





Vocabulary

Covenant – the agreement Jews made with God
Hebrew – language used by Jewish people and used to write the Torah
Passover / Pesach – Jewish holiday to celebrate the exodus of God's people from Egypt
Shabbat –Jewish people celebrate this holy day of rest starting Friday night
Shema – the first verse of this is the most essential declaration of the Jewish faith
Simchat Torah – Jewish celebration when they finish reading the Torah and start again
Synagogue – Jewish place of worship
Talmud – a collection of the teachings of Rabbis over many years telling Jews how to put the Torah into their daily lives
Tenach – Jewish scriptures made of three sections with the Torah being the most important
Torah – means teaching and is the first 5 books of Moses
Tefillin – two leather boxes containing scripture worn by some Jews for morning prayers

Spirituality

While we are learning we will think about:
How would I feel if … ?
What would I do if … ?
What are my own ideas about … ?

