

Year 2

RE Knowledge Organiser

Topic:

Judaism

Links to other year groups:

Year 1 – special places, holy books, symbols and meanings.

Key Vocabulary:

Ten Commandments - Ten important life rules for Jews given to Moses by God.

the Sabbath - The holy day for Jews.
pilgrimage - A special religious journey.

Synagogue - Place of worship for Jewish people.

rabbi - Jewish religious leader and teacher.

Ark - The place where the Torah is kept in a synagogue.

Torah - The Jewish holy book.
Hebrew - A language used by Jewish people.

Hannukah menorah - A special lamp with nine candles that's lit by Jews during Hanukkah.

fast - To not eat or drink for a period.

bar mitzvah - A ceremony to show a Jewish boy has become an adult. It happens when a boy is 13 years old.

bat mitzvah - A ceremony to show a Jewish girl has become an adult. It happens when a girl is 12 years old.

How did it begin?

Judaism began nearly 4,000 years ago in a place called the Middle East. This is a large area on the border of Asia, Africa and Europe. Jews believe that Judaism began when **Abraham** began to worship one God instead of the many idols or statues like his father had done.

Important beliefs & teachings:

Jews believe in one God.

They try to live by the Ten Commandments.

Jews believe God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses.

Special Book:

The Torah



Place of Worship:

Synagogue



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.

Key Symbols/People:



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.



The Star of David is the symbol of the Jewish community.

Sequence of Lessons- Enquiry question: What is special to the Jewish community?	
	Brief summary of lesson content
Lesson 1	Who and where- To explain who founded Judaism and where.
Lesson 2	Main beliefs- To explain main beliefs in Judaism.
Lesson 3	Special places- To explain which places are special to Jews.
Lesson 4	Special Festivals- To name the special Jewish festivals.
Lesson 5	Holy Books- To explain what the Jewish Holy Book is and how it is used.
Lesson 6	Symbols and Meaning- To name and explain the meanings of the Jewish symbols.

