



Year 5, Term 5: What does it mean to be Jewish in Britain today?



KEY KNOWLEDGE:

- Jewish people believe in one God and that the Shema prayer gives details of the ways in which Jewish people should live, worship God and pray.
- Jewish people follow the teachings of the Torah. It teaches them how to pray, worship and how to treat others.
- Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah are the holiest days for Jewish people, where they ask for forgiveness at the start of their new year.
- Jewish people celebrate Pesach each year to remember God's rescue and faithfulness to the Israelites.
- Tzedakah means 'healing the world' which is an important value in the Jewish faith as they are all challenged to care for the world that God gave them and the people who live upon it.

Learning Questions:

- What connections are there between Jewish practice, teachings from the Torah and their beliefs about God?
- How do Jewish festivals impact on Jewish people today?
- What is the meaning and significance of Jewish rituals and practices?
- How does the role of women varies within Judaism?
- What different perspectives, including your own can you give to answer the key question?

Key Vocabulary:

Commandments Instructions commanded by God.

Progressive Jews who reconcile their faith with modern life.

Shabbat Day of rest (from sunset on Friday until sunset on Saturday).

Kosher Laws dealing with foods that Jews are permitted to eat and how they must be prepared.

Shema Prayer containing key Jewish beliefs about God.

Synagogue Jewish place of worship.

Orthodox Jews who adhere strictly to traditional beliefs and practices.

Torah First part of the Jewish Bible, containing the 5 books of Moses.

