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Year 3: How do Jews celebrate their beliefs at home and in the synagogue?

Big Question: How are symbols and saying important in religion?

Vocabulary

Ark: A place in the Synagogue where the Torah scrolls are kept

Bimah: The raised platform in a synagogue from where the service is conducted and scriptures read

Kiddush cup: It is a special goblet set aside for the blessing of the wine

Shabbat: The seventh day of the week, Saturday, on which Jews abstain from work. Jewish days begin at sunset and Shabbat is welcomed by the lighting of candles on Friday evening

Sukkot: Autumn Harvest festival

Synagogue: A Jewish place of congregational worship and community gathering often called by the Yiddish word 'Shul'

Tenakh: The Jewish Bible, the word is an acronym, Torah (the Law, Pentateuch or five books of Moses), Neviim (the Prophets) and Ketuvim (Holy Writings such as the books of Psalms, Proverbs, Esther and Ruth)

Torah: 'Instruction', a word which usually refers to the first five books of the Jewish bible, traditionally on scrolls in the Synagogue

Yad: The Torah pointer. The yad ensures that the parchment is not touched during the reading

Key learning

Explain 2 important symbols found in a synagogue

Describe their important features, connecting them to Jewish beliefs and Jewish people's lives in 21st century

Explain how these objects help Jewish people to worship G-d

Symbols/Images/artefacts

Interior of a traditional Synagogue, showing a Bimah and the Ark

Important people/places/artefacts

Torah Scrolls

Yad

Links to further learning

Create a gallery of Jewish artefacts, create tour guides and lead some tours for other pupils. Research the mentioned celebrations (similarities and differences) in different Jewish communities.

Turn a book corner into a Sukkah. Research and explain how Jewish lifestyle is affected by their beliefs and celebrations. Children to express their own ideas/beliefs related to the values shown during the celebrations (forgiveness, generosity, loyalty)