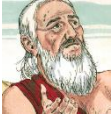











RE Knowledge Organiser

Year Two – Why is the Torah so Special?

Key Vocabulary			
Abraham		Synagogue	
Torah		Rabbi	
Sofer		Yad	
Kosher		Tzadaka	
		Kippah	
		Pushke	

Sequence of Learning

Previously Children have learned about:

- During Year One the children would have learned about the Torah and the Synagogue.
- The children will also be familiar with aspects of Judaism due to the elements of the Old Testament that was taught, such as Noah's Ark and the Story of Creation.

In future units the children will learn about:

- The children will further develop their learning on Judaism within Year Three, where they will focus on Jewish Celebrations.

Unit Sequence of Sequence of Learning

- Recap the previous learning on Judaism, including place of worship and religious texts. Then focus on the origins of Judaism within the story of Sarah and Abraham.
- Teach the children about how the Torah started through the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments.
- The children learn about the Five Books of Moses, the Writings and the Prophets and how these all come together to make the Torah. This lesson will also include how Torahs are used today including being written by a Sofer and read using a yad.
- The children then learn about how the Torah is used today including the story of David and Goliath.
- The last sessions include how the Torah includes rules for life.

Key Questions

Who is the founder of Judaism?	Abraham.
Where was Moses given the Torah?	Mount Sinai.
What does the perfect family need?	The perfect family should include values such as love, respect and should care for each other.
Why is the Torah important to Jews?	The Torah is important to Jews because it gives them rules to live by through the Ten Commandments and also how they should help others.
What does the story of David and Goliath teach Jews about God?	The message from the story of David and Goliath is that people should have faith in God, just as David had faith in God, which allowed him to overcome Goliath.
What are some of the laws from the Ten Commandments?	Only worship God, Make God the most important thing in your life, Always say God's name with respect, Make one day a week special for God, Respect your parents, Do not murder, Be faithful to your husband or wife, Don't steal, Don't lie, Don't be jealous of what other people have.
What does the word kosher mean?	Kosher means that you can eat some foods but can't eat others. Kosher foods include beef, all vegetables and fruits, cheese and eggs. Foods that are not kosher include pork, prawns, lobsters, and eels.
How do Jewish people help others?	The Torah explains that Jewish people should help their families, help in the community, be kind to other people, give ten percent of what they earn to charity (tzadaka), which can be stored in a money pot called a pushke.