

St Saviour's Catholic Primary and Nursery School



Subject: RE

Topic: Dialogue and Encounter

Year: 5

What should I already know?

- That the Bible is made up of the Old and New Testaments and was written over many years.
- That the Bible was written in a language other than English and was written for different audiences.
- That the Jewish people use part of our Bible as their Torah, and this is the basis of Jewish life today.
- That we still use the Old Testament.

What am I going to learn?

- To use the Old Testament as a guide to see how Jesus may have fulfilled and subverted Jewish expectations for a Messiah.
- To discuss and examine how the Bible is the word of the Lord, while also being subject to human will and interpretations.
- To dive into Jewish understanding of Scripture and life, paying particular attention to:
 - Hebrew as a Holy language which is still used around the world today.
 - How Jews understand Abraham's covenant, and how this holds relevant despite the new covenant.
 - To explore the Torah as a Holy text, and how we might recognise it as the beginning of the Old Testament.
 - The Shema and how this prayer is a foundational piece of worship to Jewish people.
 - The Mezuzah and the role it plays in a Jewish person's life and home.
 - How scripture continues to influence the Jewish way of life.

Vocabulary

Divinely inspired: a supernatural force which causes a person to experience a powerful creative burst or revelation from God.

Hebrew: The language that parts of the Bible were written in, which collectively make up the Jewish Tanakh (Holy Books).

Covenant: The promise God makes to Abraham, Noah and Moses, and David in the Old Testament. Jesus also makes his new covenant in the New Testament.

Torah: The Jewish book of worship. Also called the Pentateuch, made up of the first five books of the Old Testament which tell the story of life from creation to the death of Moses.

Shema: the most essential prayer in Judaism, serving as a daily declaration of faith that affirms the oneness of God.

Mezuzah: a small decorative case containing a handwritten parchment scroll that Jews affix to the doorposts of their homes and rooms.

