

# Wollaston Primary School

## R. E. Knowledge Organiser – Judaism – The Torah

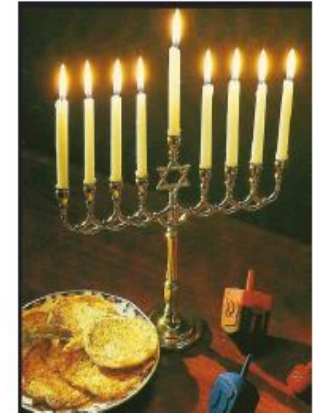
### VOCABULARY

<b>Jews</b>	People who practice Judaism.
<b>Jewish</b>	Belonging to the faith of Judaism.
<b>The Torah</b>	The Jewish Holy Book. Every Synagogue has a Torah that is handwritten on scrolls. No one is allowed to touch the parchment.
<b>Ark</b>	The special cupboard in the synagogue in which the Torah is kept safe.
<b>Synagogue</b>	The building where Jews gather to worship together.
<b>Rabbi</b>	Rabbi means 'Teacher' in Hebrew. A Rabbi is a religious leader who leads services in the synagogue.
<b>Hebrew</b>	The language that the Torah is written in. A very, very old language.
<b>Yad</b>	A pointer used by the reader to follow the text during the Torah reading because it is forbidden to touch the parchment.
<b>Sofer</b>	Scribe. The person who makes copies of the Torah.
<b>Shabbat</b>	The Jewish weekly day of rest. Shabbat starts at on Friday and lasts until the sun sets on Saturday. During Shabbat, Jews remember that God created the world and on the seventh day he rested. Jews believe God's day of rest was a Saturday.
<b>Festival</b>	A special time of celebration. Often a festival is a time to remember something from long ago.
<b>Hannukah</b>	A Jewish holiday that lasts for eight nights. It is also known as the festival of lights. It represents joy and a celebration of victory against enemies of the Jews.
<b>Purim</b>	A festival to celebrate the story of Esther, a Jewish girl who became Queen of Persia.

The Torah scroll with a  
Yad resting on top



Hanukkah Menorah



Which parts of the Synagogue can you name?

