

Year 4 Spring 2 RE – Judaism

Key facts

- Yom means 'day' in Hebrew and Kippur means 'to atone'.
- Yom Kippur also known as 'Day of Atonement' is the holiest day of the year for Jews.
- In the 10 days leading up to Yom Kippur, Jews will apologise to anyone they might have upset or hurt so that God will forgive them when the special day comes.
- This is called 'Days of Repentance or the Days of Awe'. Jews will take time to pray, reflect on and repent for the things they have done wrong over the past year.
- People will also seek guidance from the Torah and give to charity.
- From sunset the night before Yom Kippur until nightfall on the following day, Jews will spend most of their time in the synagogue, they will also fast, to help them focus on the day and remember the pain others may feel.
- Married Jews wear a special robe called a Kittel.
- A shofar (special horn) is blown to make the end of Yom Kippur.
- A big meal is had at the end of Yom Kippur



Kittel



Ark of the Covenant



Torah



Shofar

Vocabulary

- Yom Kippur
- atonement
- repent
- Synagogue
- Ark of the Covenant
- charity
- Torah
- fast
- Kittel
- Shofar

- In the synagogue stories of Gods forgiveness are shared and the Ark is opened. The Ark symbolises the gates of heaven being opened to the people.
- Kol Nidre, a prayer sung in Jewish synagogues at the beginning of the service on the eve of Yom Kippur.