

# KS1 Why is the **Torah** such a joy for the Jewish Community?

## Prior learning

Jewish people believe good deeds like helping others are important.

Jewish people say prayers and blessings to God.

Shabbat is a day of rest.

At New Year God gives people a chance to put things right.

## What should we know?

The Torah is an important book for Jews.

Jewish people believe:

- The Torah is a very important book, so important, that when they get to the end, they start to read it all over again.
- The Torah was given to the Jewish people from God.
- The Torah contains rules from God on how we should live.
- The Torah should be treated with respect.



Zoe and her family are Jewish.

The Torah – an important book containing God’s rules.

## What should we be able to do?

*Describe how the Torah is used in the synagogue.*

*Recall some of the stories of Moses e.g. 10 commandments or the birth of Moses.*

*Say that the Torah is kept in a synagogue or in a special ark.*

*Know the Torah contains rules.*

*Demonstrate how a mezuzah is used by Jewish people.*

## What words should we understand and be able to use?

<b>Simchat Torah</b>	A joyous holiday that celebrates the Jewish love of Torah. It marks the end of the annual cycle of weekly Torah readings and the beginning of the new cycle.	<b>Mezuzah</b>	A decorative case fixed to the entrance of a Jewish home containing some of the Torah which reminds people to love God and follow his commandments.
<b>Torah</b>	A very important book for all Jews containing God’s rules.	<b>Moses</b>	A great leader and teacher of Jewish history.
<b>Bimah</b>	Where the Torah scroll is placed ready for reading.	<b>Holy Ark (Aron Kodesh)</b>	The cupboard where the Torah scrolls are kept in a synagogue.
<b>Synagogue</b>	The Jewish place of prayer and study.	<b>Hebrew</b>	The language of the Torah.