

Essential Core (Summary of unit)

- I will recall that Jewish scriptures are called the Tenakh and are made up of 3 sections: Torah, Nevi'ism and Ketuvim.
- I will explain that the word Tenakh is made up of 3 types of writing
- I will know that the Torah is the most important because it tells Jews what God is like and how they should live
- I will know that the teachings in the Torah are summed up in the **Shema**, which is kept on the doorpost of Jewish homes. It says "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one ..."
- I will understand that there is also a collection of writings called the **Talmud**. These contain the teaching of **rabbis** over many years. It gives more details about how to put the rules found in the Torah into practice
- I will discuss Jewish customs and beliefs surrounding a **funeral** and **mourning** and consider how these help and support the **bereaved**

What Should I Already Know?

- The Torah is the first 5 books of the Jewish Bible.
- Torah means 'teachings'.
- It is the most important part of the Jewish scriptures and contains the first 5 books of the Hebrew bible.
- It teaches Jews what God is like and how they should behave.
- On a Friday evening till Saturday evening, Jewish people observe the Sabbath. They have a rest, a meal and no one is allowed to work.
- The Torah is read every week in the synagogue.

Important Facts

- The **Tenakh** is a collection of all the Jewish holy books. It contains exactly the same books as the Old Testament of the (Protestant) Bible. It is mostly written in Hebrew with a bit in Aramaic
- Over many years Jewish Rabbi's explained how God's commandments from these books should be obeyed in day to day life. This huge collection of writings includes Mishnah and is called the Talmud
- The Torah is read through over the course of a year
- Simhat Torah is the celebration of the final part of the Torah being read and it starting again in the morning
- 7 circuits of the synagogue are made while people sing, dance and wave flags
- Jewish people light a candle on the eve before the anniversary of a loved one's death. The candle burns until it goes out
- The next day the family will visit the cemetery and put a stone on their gravestone

Vocabulary

Tenakh	A collection of all the Jewish Holy Books	
Navi	The Hebrew word for a prophet	
Ketuvim	The third part of the Jewish scripture	
Talmud	A collection of stories telling Jewish people how they should live their day to day lives	
Mishnah	A collection of the oral Jewish stories written down	
yahrzeit	A night light candle	