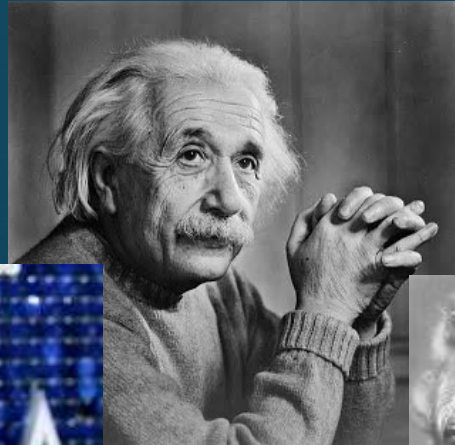


Year 5 R.E.
Week beginning 27th April

Starter – Who are these people? What do they have in common?



They are:

Top row (left to right):

Roman Abramovich (owner of Chelsea Football Club)

Albert Einstein (scientist)

Anne Frank (famous diarist)

Middle row (left to right):

Craig David (singer)

Marilyn Monroe (actress)

Bottom row (left to right):

Helena Bonham Carter (actress)

Steven Spielberg (film maker)

Sir Alan Sugar (businessman)

And, they are all Jewish!

This term, our R.E. focus is

Judaism



Take a couple of minutes to think about what you already know about Judaism.

Where did Judaism begin?



You live here!

Judaism began here in the Middle East.

Does being a Jew mean following the Jewish religion?

- The Jewish people are a race of people who, traditionally, have followed the Jewish religion.
- According to Jewish law, you are Jewish if you are born to a Jewish mother. You are also a citizen of a country – so for example, you might be a British, American, or Israeli Jew.
- But Jewish people can choose whether or not they actually follow the Jewish religious way of life.
- Even if you are not born into the Jewish race, you can convert to being a follower of the Jewish religion.



How did it all start? The story of Abraham.

God told Abraham, an elderly man, to move to a place hundreds of miles away with his wife Sarah. God promised Abraham that the land, which we now know as Israel, would be for him and his descendants. This wasn't an easy journey nor an easy decision, but Abraham trusted God.



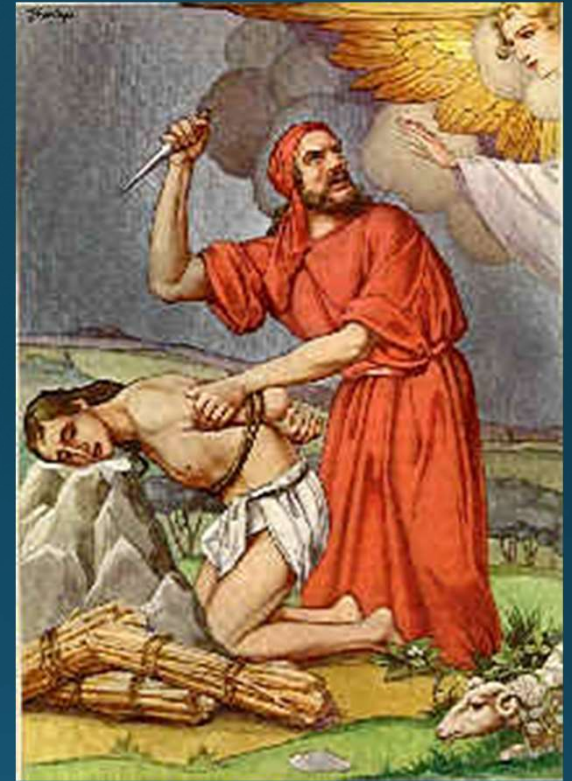
Activity: Weigh up the good and bad things about leaving everything you know and have behind, and travelling to a distant, unknown land.

Draw a thought bubble and write down the things Abraham might have been thinking. Consider the good and the bad points of leaving behind your home, your friends and everything you know, yet being promised land for you and other Jewish people.

Abraham trusted God and made the journey to Israel.

Years later, God tested Abraham's trust in him once more. Abraham had a son called Isaac. God came to Abraham and said that if he loved him, he would sacrifice his son. Just as Abraham was about to kill Isaac, God stopped him and said "You have proved that you are devoted to me."

How might Abraham's trust in God help Jewish people to follow their religion?



What do Jewish people believe?

- The Jewish belief about God can be put very simply. **There is only one God.** He created the world and knows everything.
- Jews believe that **God gave them a set of laws to live by,** so that they would know how to worship him, and how to live amongst other people in a kind and caring way.
- Jews believe that their special relationship with God will only continue so long as they follow these laws.

Activity: Write down a set of laws that you believe we should live by.