

RE What can we learn from sacred books? Year 2 Summer 1

Key Knowledge

Some books are very important to people. These might be story books, biographies, or holy/sacred books.

It is very important to many people that their holy book is respected and treated well.

For many Christians, the Bible is the most important book. The Bible contains the stories and teachings of God and Jesus and gives Christians rules and advice for how they should live their lives.

Muslims believe it is important to protect their holy book the Qur'an by putting it on a special stand and storing it high up. The Qur'an tells stories of the Prophet Muhammad and the revelations that he received from Allah.

The Jewish holy book is called the Torah. It is handwritten on a scroll in Hebrew and is stored inside an Ark in a Synagogue. To avoid touching it when reading, Jewish people use a Yad to keep their place. The Torah tells stories of Jewish people in the past.

Some holy books are translated into different languages so that people all over the world can access them. However, many people believe it is important to learn to read the books in their original language as this is considered the true words of their God(s) or teachers.

Key images



Possible experiences

A visit to a Synagogue to see the Ark

A visit from a Muslim, Christian or Jewish person to speak about why their book means so much to them.

Enfield SACRE Statutory requirements

- A2 – Retell and suggest meanings to some religious and moral stories, exploring and discussing sacred writings and sources of wisdom and recognising the traditions from which they come.
- B3 – Notice and respond sensitively to some similarities between different religious and non-religious worldviews.
- C1 – Explore questions about belonging, meaning and truth so that they can express their own ideas and opinions in response using words, music, art or poetry
- C3 – Find out about questions of right and wrong and begin to express their ideas and opinions in response.

Prior learning

- During EYFS, children will have had some experience of different holy books
- In year 1, they will have learnt about different special places, people and festivals within religions

Key vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
Sacred	Something dedicated to a God
Holy	Something really special and pure
Bible	The Christian holy book
Qur'an	The Islamic holy book
Torah	The Jewish holy book
Arabic	The language the Qur'an is written in
Hebrew	The language the Torah is written in
Yad	The tool used when reading the Torah to protect it
Ark	The special chamber in a Synagogue where the Torah is kept
Allah	The Islamic God

Possible deeper thinking questions

Whose words mean the most to you?

Where do you find your rules?

What object do you think is the most important to protect?