



# Hanukkah

An 8 day Jewish festival.



# Our objectives

- To know some key facts about a Jewish festival.
- To understand that the Jews believe God performed miracles.
- To understand that light is representing the presence of God.



# What do we celebrate?

Christmas



Easter



Birthdays



# What is Hanukkah celebrating?

An eight-day festival celebrating a time in history when the Jews won a battle against the Greeks to practise their religion freely.



# Why does it last for 8 days?

- To celebrate, an oil lamp was lit in the temple. There was only enough oil to burn for one day - but miraculously it burned for eight days.
- This is why the Hanukkah festival lasts for eight days and why light is the main item in the celebration.
- How long do our celebrations last?
- What was the miracle?

# What is a Hanukkah?



They light a candle each night on a special candle holder called a Hanukkah or Menorah.

# Why do the Jews use light to celebrate?

They believe the light shows that God is with them, like when the light lasted for 8 days in history.



# When is Hanukkah?



December



## Do the families do anything special at Hanukkah?

- Children play with a spinning top called a dreidel.
- Families eat special potato cakes called latkes and other oily food to remind them of the importance of the oil lamp.
- Presents are also given at this time.



# Activities

- \* Complete the Hanukkah sheet – fill in the missing words.
- \* Complete our celebrations leaflet.