

**Caroline Haslett Primary School – RE**

**Topic: Unit 2 - Christianity, Judaism, Christmas, Symbols, Belonging**

**Year 2**

**Should you wear symbols?**

**Knowledge**

There are many different symbols and they are used in many ways.

The dove is used by Christians as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. It is also an international symbol of peace.

The cross has been used by Christians as a reminder of the death of Jesus.

Clothes and hair can be a symbol. Most Jewish men wear a small head covering or cap.

Symbols of light are common across religions.

**Vocabulary**

- **Kippuah** – small head covering worn by Jewish men
- **Menorah** – 7 branched candlestick
- **Hannukah** – Jewish festival of light
- **Hannukiah** – candlestick only used during Hannukah
- **Star of David** – 6 pointed star symbol of Judaism
- **Symbol** – something that represents meaning
- **Tallit** – Jewish prayer shawl

**Activities**

- Look at commonly used symbols and discuss why they are used.
- Look at clothes that have symbolic meaning – Jewish Rabbi and Christian Vicar, uniforms, wedding clothes.
- Find out the meaning of the symbols that a Jew wears and those in their homes.
- Find out about the meaning of colour for Christians.
- Design a symbol for an event or festival.
- Investigate the symbols of Christmas.



**Skills**

- Identify Christian and Jewish symbols from a range
- Suggest reasons why people choose to wear symbols
- Identify some clothing that has symbolic meaning
- Recognise that symbols can communicate meaning