Year: 1

Term: Autumn 2

# Learning Outcomes

Children will be able to:

- Express creatively their own responses to candle flame
- recognise how candle flame relates to their own lives
- recognise how candle flame is a reminder (a symbol) of important people or events
- recognise how candle flames are used at Hanukkah and Advent
- in simple terms recognise something of the value of candle flames in simple terms.

Informed by end of Year 1 expectations

**Unit 6 hours** 

# Assessment Opportunities

Evidence can be gathered when pupils:

- respond to candle flame
- draw and annotate a candle
- make labels
- discuss their opinions and ideas about candles
- complete think bubbles.

Children to record individually in books.

**Theme/Unit:** Light helps people to remember Why is light important at Advent and Hanukkah?

**Key concept:** Candle light as a symbol

# Sequences of Activities: -

#### Step 1 - Communicate

- Show a cardboard cake with candles. Light them. Discuss responses and ideas. How do you feel?
  Discuss how we use candles. When? Why? Discuss how we celebrate birthdays.
- Read Teddy's Birthday (Amanda Davidson). (GOT) Discuss what candles are remembering?
- Respond by drawing picture of cake and candles and make a display of different candles.
- Light another candle. What could this be for? What does it make you think about? Discuss.

## Step 2 - Apply

- Discuss how we can use candles to remember someone or something remember feelings.
- If you could light a candle to remember someone or something special, who or what would it be? When
  would you light it? How would you feel? Draw a candle and annotate "My candle is to remember ..."

#### Step 3 - Inquire

- Show Hanukkiah (menorah lamp) allow open speculation from children. What is it? What is it used for? How it is used? Who uses it? Where? When? Why?
- What do we think these candles remind people of? How do you think they might feel when they light the candle? Pupils openly speculate.

### Step 4 – Contextualise

- Tell the story of Hanukkah using the book below a great miracle happened there. Respond by acting out story.
- How did they feel when the light kept burning? Drama and freeze frame.
- Show picture of Jews celebrating Hanukkah. Read Hanukkah (Roni Schotter). Explain how Jews celebrate Hanukkah today sharing food, cards, decorations, lighting the candles.
- Draw/paint a Hannukiah. Become familiar with language eg symbol, celebration, Hanukkah, hannukiah.
   What are the candles remembering? Pupils make labels for their Hanukkiah.

### Repeat process

## Step 5 – Enquire

Show Advent ring – What is it used for? When? Where? By whom? Encourage speculation.

#### Step 6 - Contextualise

- Christians use light at Christmas read Advent poem discuss, explain. Add each candle to explain
  each part symbolises part of story parallels to story of Jesus' birthday. (This may be done on
  consecutive days).
- Make advent ring in groups. Light candles read Christmas story create atmosphere. What do these candles remind Christians about? Pupils make labels.

### Step 7 - Evaluate speech bubbles (see sheet attached to plans)

Is it important to have candles to remind you of things? If you didn't have candles would you still remember? What did it help teddy remember? Why do the candles help you remember? What would you use to remember things that are special? What do candles remind Jewish people of? Why are they important? What do candles remind Christians of? Why are they important? What would Christians do?

### Resources:

Hanukkah, Advent ring, Book: *Teddy's Birthday* Amanda Davidson [ISBN 0006627528], Book: *Hanukkah* Roni Schotter [ISBN 0316774669], Book: *8 candles to light* by Johnny Zucker, poem, materials to make advent ring, candles of various sorts.

Whirlkids celebrate Advent, 4.5 minutes long. This looks at the importance of Advent as a period of waiting and preparation for Christmas and makes the point that Christmas is more special because of it in a simple way: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7y\_sElib8YA

# RE KS1

# Opportunities for promoting children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development:

**Spiritual**: providing an opportunity for enjoyment and fascination about their own lives and those of others. Giving opportunities to rejoice and celebrate things that are important to us.

**Moral**: developing an ability to understand and appreciate the viewpoints of others on these issues.

**Social**: sharing our own experiences and respond to the experiences of others. Working and socialising with others in a range of learning opportunities.

**Cultural**: willingness to participate in and respond positively to artistic, musical and cultural opportunities. Giving children an interest in and an opportunity to explore different faiths and beliefs.

# Vocabulary (in bold) and knowledge building blocks

Children will learn that:

- Candles are used to remember someone or something
- A Hannukiah is a special Jewish menorah lamp to remind Jews of the miracle of the oil at Hanukkah
- It has 9 candles, one for each night of the 8 nights of the festival of Hanukkah plus a helper candle
- The festival of Hannukah celebrates the belief in the miracle of one small jar of oil lasting 8 nights instead of 1 night as usual
- Christians also use light at Christmas
- An example is the Advent ring/wreath which has 4 candles
- A candle is lit on each of the 4 Sundays leading up to Christmas
- It reminds Christians to wait and prepare for Christmas light



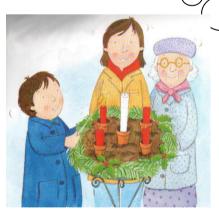
When I see a candle flame think about ...

# A Jewish boy



The Hanukkah lights help me to think about ...

# A Christian girl



The Advent ring helps me to think about ...