Week 10 Online Learning P1 Miss Gainford

Welcome to another week of online learning. I hope that you have all had a good week.

This week in RME we are continuing to look at the Jewish religious celebration of Hanukkah. Last week we looked at the reason why Hanukkah takes place, this week we will look at how it is celebrated. You will notice that it is spelt in different ways that is because it is translated ( changed from) Hebrew into English.

Hanukkah takes place between late November and late December every year. The change of date is because the Jewish calendar and the one that we use are different. The Jewish calendar uses the moon it is a lunar calendar.

 Hanukkah takes place in the winter time because it is a “festival of light” and they are always better when it is dark. Hanukkah takes place on 25th of Kislev which was when the temple was rededicated (became a special place again for the Jews).

It lasts for eight days, remember that this is how long the special oil kept burning for until they could get some more.

As part of the celebration a Hanukkiah (a special Jewish candle holder for Hanukkah) is lit every night for eight nights. The Hanukkiah has nine candles because the middle one is the slave candle ( or shammash)which is used to light all the other candles and it is shorter or longer than the other candles. The first candle to be lit is on the outside right because Hebrew, the Jewish language, is written from right to left.

On the first of the eight nights one candle is lit by the slave candle on the second two and so on until all eight are alight on the last night of Hanukkah.

Food fried in oil is eaten to remember the special oil in the temple. Latkes are potato pancakes. I have added a recipe for them just in case you would like to help to make them. Only do this with an adult because there is hot oil. They also eat sufganiyot as a treat which is a deep -fried doughnut which is filled with jam and sprinkled with sugar.

Watch this video to learn all about it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3zsTXLjH4s>

Next week we will learn more about the dreidel game.

In health this week we are looking at keeping ourselves safe from fire which can cause burns and liquids which can scald. This is because of the candles and hot oil mentioned in RME.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4w7ub5RJeA>

Watch this video to help you to identify hot things that could burn or scald you if you are not careful. It is an American programme so they have electrical sockets in the bathroom, this is not allowed in Britain because electricity and water together are dangerous. Have a look in your bathroom and toilet. Did you find a socket? What did you notice about the light switch? This is to prevent wet hands touching an electrical switch which could give you and electric shock.

I would like you to make a risk assessment of your home looking for things that could be hot and burn or scald you if you are not careful. Remember, do not touch any of these things and if they need moving, ask an adult.

Go into each room and don’t forget the hallways and garden (if you have one), especially if you have a barbecue, garage or shed. Again, do not touch anything.

Did you find anything that needed moving? If you did you made your home safer for everyone, well done. If you didn’t, someone else has already made sure that you were all safe.

You could also design a safety poster to remind everyone about how to stay safe.

Have fun

Talk to you again next week

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