

Year One | RE, Summer 2 | Are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important to Jewish children?

Key vocabulary

1	Forgiveness	Letting go and starting again
2	Rabbi	Jewish religious leader
3	Shofar	A ram's horn trumpet use in Jewish religious ceremonies
4	Rosh Hashanah	The Jewish new year festival
5	Yom Kippur	A solemn (serious) religious fast at the end of the 10 days beginning with Rosh Hashanah

Key Questions

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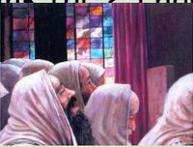
What does forgiveness mean?

How are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur marked by Jewish people?

How does it feel to forgive or be forgiven?

Key learning

We are learning to empathise with Jewish children by understanding what Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mean to them.

1		Forgiveness means letting go and starting again.
2		A Rabbi blows the shofar to mark the 10 days of saying sorry for the things Jews want forgiveness for, and for saying sorry to others. It is also blown at the end of Yom Kippur. 
3		At Rosh Hashanah, Jews make plans for what they want to achieve in the year to come, how they want to be and how to be better people.
4		There is a special meal to welcome the coming of the new year. 
5		The 10 days of repentance come between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
6		At Yom Kippur, Jews reflect on their past actions, wear white and will not eat or drink for 25 hours if they are older than 13. 
7		Jews believe they can change and make themselves better people one step at a time if they stick at it with God's help.