Year: 2	Theme/Unit: Light helps people to remember	
Torme Autumn 2	Why is light important at Advent and Hanukkah?	
Term: Autumn 2		REKS1
Learning Outcomes	Key concept: Candle light as a symbol	
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Children will be able to:		
 talk about their own 		
responses to <i>candle</i>	Sequences of Activities: -	Opportunities for promoting children's spiritual,
flame	Step 1 – Communicate	moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development:
• identify how candle	• Show a cardboard cake with candles. Light them. Discuss responses and ideas. How do you feel?	······
flame relates to their	Discuss how we use candles. When? Why? Discuss how we celebrate birthdays.	Spiritual: providing an opportunity for enjoyment and
own lives	Read <i>Teddy's Birthday</i> (Amanda Davidson). Discuss what candles are remembering?	fascination about their own lives and those of others.
talk about candle	Respond by drawing picture of cake and candles and make a display of different candles.	Giving opportunities to rejoice and celebrate things that
flame as a reminder	 Light another candle. What could this be for? What does it make you think about? Discuss. Step 2 – Apply 	are important to us.
(a symbol) of	 Discuss how we can use candles to remember someone or something – remember feelings. 	
important people or	 Discuss how we can use cancels to remember someone or something special, who or what would it be? When 	Moral: developing an ability to understand and
	would you light it? How would you feel? Draw a candle and annotate "My candle is to remember"	appreciate the viewpoints of others on these issues.
events	Step 3 – Enquire	
 recognise how 	• Show Hanukkah – allow open speculation from children. What is it? What is it used for? How it is used?	Social: sharing our own experiences and respond to the
candle flames are	Who uses it? Where? When? Why?	experiences of others. Working and socialising with
used at Hanukkah	 What do we think these candles remind people of? How do you think they might feel when they light the candle? Pupils openly speculate. 	others in a range of learning opportunities.
and Advent	Step 4 – Contextualise	Cultural: willingness to participate in and respond
 talk about the 	 Tell the story of Hanukkah using the book below – a great miracle happened there. Respond by acting 	Cultural : willingness to participate in and respond positively to artistic, musical and cultural opportunities.
importance of <i>candle</i>	out story.	Giving children an interest in and an opportunity to
flames in simple	How did they feel when the light kept burning? Drama and freeze frame.	explore different faiths and beliefs.
terms.	• Show picture of Jews celebrating Hanukkah. Read Hanukkah (Roni Schotter). Explain how Jews	
Informed by end of	celebrate Hanukkah today – sharing food, cards, decorations, lighting the candles.	
Year 1 age-related	 Make Hanukkah in groups. Become familiar with language eg symbol, celebration, Hanukkah etc. What are the candles remembering? Pupils make labels for their Hanukkah. 	Cross-curricular links:
expectations	Repeat process	
	Step 5 – Enquire	Art
Assessment	 Show Advent ring – What is it used for? When? Where? By whom? Encourage speculation. 	Using art and craft opportunities to develop the concept
Opportunities	Step 6 – Contextualise	and to explore the concept through looking at Christian
	Christians use light at Christmas – read Advent poem – discuss, explain. Add each candle to explain	and Jewish traditions.
Evidence can be	each part symbolises part of story – parallels to story of Jesus' birthday. (This may be done on	Drama
	consecutive days).	Opportunities for role playing a celebration and
gathered when pupils:	 Make advent ring in groups. Light candles – read Christmas story – create atmosphere. What do these candles remind Christians about 2 Pupile make labels 	considering all the aspects involved.
• respond to candle	candles remind Christians about? Pupils make labels. Step 7 – Evaluate	Circle time and discussion opportunities for speaking and
flame	 Is it important to have candles to remind you of things? If you didn't have candles would you still 	listening.
draw and annotate a	remember? What did it help teddy remember? Why do the candles help you remember? What would	
candle	you use to remember things that are special? What do candles remind Jewish people of? Why are they	Literacy
 make labels 	important? What do candles remind Christians of? Why are they important? What would Christians do?	Opportunities to listen and respond to the story and to
 discuss their 		consider the meaning of the story.
opinions and ideas	Resources:	Talking about the importance of <i>candle flames</i> and why the symbol is important through speech and writing.
about candles	Hanukkah, Advent ring, Book: <i>Teddy's Birthday</i> Amanda Davidson [ISBN 0006627528],	and symbol is important unough speech and whiting.
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bubbles.	Zucker, poem, materials to make advent ring, candles of various sorts.	
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