**Lesson 2: Why do religions use symbols?**

Hi everyone,

What amazing designs we have been receiving from last weeks tasks! Thank you to everyone who has sent us your work so far. If you haven’t, there is still time. Just have a look at last week’s task and send us your design.

This week we are building on the ideas of symbolism. Throughout history symbols have been important in helping us communicate and deepen our understanding.

**Task 1: Quiz Time!**

During your year 1 and 2 RE lessons you discovered lots of ideas about Islam and Sikhism and the symbols they used. On our home learning page there is a PowerPoint called ‘Religious Symbols’ look at it and see if you can answer the questions below. Some you may already know!

1. What are two symbols used in Islam?
2. What symbol is often used on an Islamic prayer mat?
3. Why is the Fish symbol used within Christianity?
4. What symbols can be seen in the stained-glass window?
5. Why is the Khanda important to Sikh believers?

**Part 2: Jewish Symbols.**

During our spring topic we began to understand the Jewish practices. We discussed the importance of the Mezuzah to Jewish believers and the festivals of Pesach and Chanukah. The Seder plate and the Menorah are key symbols of these festivals.

Follow the rest of the Powerpoint and find out about the other symbols used within the Jewish faith.

**Task 2: Top Trumps**

Using the information can you create 4 top trumps cards for the Jewish symbols. The cards should include:

* A picture of the symbol
* A description of what it represents.
* Its uses

You could also give them a power value,

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