

NATIONAL CURRICULUM

What should I already know?

- That the Guru Granth Sahib are the sacred words for Sikhs.
- Recognise the importance of the Gurdwara in the life of the Sikh community and be able to describe a Gurdwara 'House of the Guru' using photographs. Be able to describe what happens there. Recognise the different sections/features of a Gurdwara. Be able to discuss the Sikh practice of service to others.
- Recognise the Sikh statement of belief - Ik Onkar - there is only one God. Be able to create an artistic representation of some Sikh beliefs about God, including different names/titles of God for display.
- Recognise and describe some special Sikh ceremonies. Be able to describe the meaning of the word ceremonies and list those they know from any faith. Investigate the following Sikh ceremonies: Naming and Amrit. Talk about recent celebrations of their own describe the similarities and differences between this and a religious celebration. Make some of the artefacts that Sikhs use during celebration.
- Appreciate some of the stories about the ten Gurus and create some art work that reflects the events of these stories. Be able to describe the qualities of someone who inspires you?



Key beliefs

These values are expressed through their daily lives within their community.

- Sikhs believe in only one God
- different religions are all paths to the same God
- everyone is equal in God's eyes
- be part of a fellowship: worship, eat and serve together (langar kitchen)
- wear the 5K's



Special Places

Gurdwara is the Sikhs place of worship. Gurdwara means 'house of doors' or 'the doors that lead to the Guru'. It has four doors to show all are welcome. The Gurdwara is used for:

- meetings
- worshipping God
- children and adults to learn the Punjabi
- celebration of important occasions - weddings (Anand Karji) and births.
- relaxation Gurdwaras fly the Sikh flag outside (Nishan Sahib).



What will I know by the end of this unit?

- Recognise that the Guru Granth Sahib (a collection of Sikh Scriptures) are the sacred words for Sikhs. Describe the development from oral tradition to written, learn about the fifth Guru Arjan who compiled the holy book, built the golden temple and was the first Sikh martyr. Be able to write a biography of Guru Arjan. Think about a book which is special and make links with the way Sikhs feel about their holy book.
- Use religious language to describe some Sikh worship and artefacts. Find out about how worship is carried out in the Gurdwara, involving: hymns, prayers, preparations (removing shoes, covering heads...) Reading from the Guru Granth Sahib. Listen to Sikh music. Compile a report 'How do Sikhs worship in the Gurdwara?'
- Describe the outward signs and symbols used to express belonging to the Sikh faith. Research the Panji Kakke - 5ks: Kesh (uncut hair), Kangha (comb), Kara (steel wrist band) Kachera (short trousers) Kirpan (sword) Explore what each represents and why it is worn, and about the founding of the Khalsa.
- Recognise and describe the Sikh holy days - Gurupurbs and Melas. think about times when they might have experienced similar feelings or celebrated similar things?
- Be aware of shared rights and responsibilities. Examine different rules in various contexts eg school, sports and board games. Be able to discuss ways in which they themselves might serve others: individually, as a class, as a school, locally and globally. Make links to how Sikhs believe about equality, tolerance and service.

Special festivals:

Vaisakhi is the Sikh New Year and is celebrated on the 13th or 14th of April. Guru Amar Das first introduced the celebration. It is the date of the founding of the Sikh community - the 'Khalsa'.



SCHOOL KEY DRIVERS

| Language | Possibilities | Diversity |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armpit • Chakar • Gurdwara • Guru Nanak | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To visit a gurdwara which is the Sikh place of worship. | <p>To understand different cultures and beliefs.</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Gurpurbs</i>• <i>Khanda</i>• <i>Kirpan</i>• <i>Langar</i>• <i>Mool Mantar</i>• <i>Nam Japna</i>• <i>Nishan sahib</i>• <i>Takht</i>• <i>Shabads</i>• <i>Vaisakhi</i>• <i>Vand Chanka</i> | | |
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