

## NATIONAL CURRICULUM

### What should I already know?

- Understand that a Sikh has a special place to worship. Explore images of the Gurdwara and make a model using different materials.
- Understand that a Sikh has special items- introduce the 5 ks artefacts.
- Understand that some times of year may be special and explore what happens at the celebration of Vaisakhi. Make links with music and times of celebration.
- Understand the Guru Granth Sahib is a special book for Sikhs. Explore how special books are treated and kept up high. Recognise items at home that are kept up high and out of reach e.g. precious ornaments.
- Know that some stories are special to Sikhs such as the story of creation.



### What will I know by the end of this unit?

- Understand that some books are special and further explore the Guru Granth Sahib. Understand what it is, where it is kept, who reads it and why it is important.
- Explore the Gurdwara being a special place where Sikhs go to worship. Discuss that it is the home of the Guru Granth Sahib. Talk about how you should behave in a special place. Write a set of rules for visiting a Gurdwara. Investigate the Gurdwara as a place where the Sikh community prepare food - Langar, a place to share a meal with your extended family and friends.
- Investigate how Sikhs celebrate special times such as Diwali.

### Key beliefs

- Understand that a Sikh has a special place to worship. Explore images of the Gurdwara and make a model using different materials.
- The Guru Granth Sahib is a special book for Sikhs. Explore how special books are treated and kept up high.

### Special Places

Sikhs worship both in public and in private.  
Sikhs worship together in the gurdwara.

The word gurdwara means 'door to the Guru'.

Shoes must be removed and hair covered before entering the main prayer hall. Men and women sit crossed-legged on opposite sides, facing the Guru Granth Sahib.



- Understand that some stories are special to Sikhs Listen to a story of one of the 10 Gurus e.g. Guru Har Gobind: the story of Diwali, the Guru and his cloak. Be able to reflect upon these stories and state why they are important to Sikhs.

### Special festivals:

**Vaisakhi** - the Sikh New Year festival - is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar. It marks the start of the Punjabi New Year, but it is also a day to celebrate 1699 - the year when Sikhism was born as a collective faith.



**Diwali** - is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Diwali, which for some also coincides with harvest and new year celebrations, is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness.

## SCHOOL KEY DRIVERS

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