

Key Question 1: Why are these words special?

Most pupils will be expected to:

- Recognise that some books are special
- Recognise that the **Guru Granth Sahib** is a special book for **Sikhs**

Suggested areas of study

- Identify which books are special to them and why
 - Recognise that special books are often handled and looked after in a special way
- Find out/hear about the Guru Granth Sahib and ask questions about it eg
 - What is it?
 - Where is it kept?
 - Who reads it?
 - Why is it important?

Links and suggested activities

- Bring in their special books (teacher's too) and display them
- Look at videos, posters and photographs to show a Gurdwara and Guru Granth Sahib, discuss / explain what they have seen
 - Visit a Gurdwara and see the Guru Granth Sahib and hear about some of the ways it is used by Sikhs

Skills and attitudes

- Expression
- Interpretation
- P4C
- Appreciation and wonder
- · Understanding of a different faith

Cross curricular links

- English
- PSHE

Websites and Publications

- Useful Sikh websites (KS1, 2 and 3) please see page 202
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Key Question 2: Why are some places special?

Most pupils will be expected to:

- · Recognise that:
 - The **Gurdwara** is a special place for **Sikhs**
 - The **Gurdwara** is a place of worship

Suggested areas of study

- Learn that the Gurdwara is a special place where Sikhs go to worship. It is the home of the special book Guru Granth Sahib.
 - Consider how to behave in a place of worship – quiet, respect, and reverence

Links and suggested activities

- Look at a wide variety of pictorial representations of Gurdwaras ea
 - Virtual tour
 - Video
 - Photographs
 - Posters
 - Noting their sculpture structure, colour and symbolism
 - Hear basic rules for visiting Gurdwaras.
 - Visit a Gurdwara.
 - See pictures of Sikhs worshipping at the Gurdwara and ask questions about the worship

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- P4C
- Understanding of a different faith

- English
- Art
- PSHE



Key Question 3: How can faith contribute to Community Cohesion?

Most pupils will be expected to:

- Identify some outward signs of belonging from their own lives
- Show awareness of some of the outward signs of belonging to the Sikh faith

- Identify some Sikh values such as treating people equally, serving others, being devoted to God
- Show awareness that some community celebrations are an expression of faith eg Sikh wedding ceremony - Anand Karaj or other festival

Suggested areas of study

- Think about some 'outward signs' that they 'belong' eg a school uniform, badges of clubs, football strips
- Learn about some of the key features of the Sikh Dharam which involve 'outward signs'
 - Naming ceremony
 - Worshipping together in the Gurdwara
 - Sharing the meal together in Langar
 - Special clothes eg the Panj Kakke (5k's) and the turban
 - Celebrating festivals
 - Karah Parshad (special food)
- Find out about Sikh 'Rules of Life':
 - Sharing
 - Serving others
- Learn about a Sikh family celebration eg a wedding (Anand Karaj)

Links and suggested activities

- List the places they 'belong' to and talk about ways in which this is shown. Talk about other special outward signs eg football teams
- Look at pictures, videos etc of **Sikh** dress and **Sikh** worship
 - Invite a Sikh visitor into school to show clothes and how to tie a turban
 - Make Karah Parshad.
 - Prepare and eat a special 'meal' sharing it with others e.g. parents, classmates, elderly
- Discuss ways they can share with each other – and how they can do things for other people
- Watch a video about Anand Karaj (a Sikh wedding) or interview a Sikh visitor about their wedding
 - Talk about times when they have celebrated with others, as part of a family or other group Talk about why celebrations are often public, rather than private, and about how it feels to belong

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- Interpretation
- P4C
- British Values
- · Understanding of a different faith

- English
- PSHE
- Design and Technology
- Citizenship



Key Question 4: Why are some times special?

Most pupils will be expected to:

- Recognise that 'special days' are often celebrated and identify some of their own special days
 - Recognise that all religions celebrate special days
- Show awareness of some Sikh celebrations and respond thoughtfully to these eg Diwali and Guru Nanak's birthday

Suggested areas of study

- Discuss what celebration means and:
 - What we celebrate?
 - Why we celebrate?
 - How we celebrate?
- Explore what happens at Diwali and Guru Nanak's birthday and explain why they are important for Sikhs.

Links and suggested activities

- Refer to their own experience of celebrations:
 - Clothes
 - Food
 - Preparations
- Listen to Sikh stories about Diwali and Guru Nanak's birthday and look at pictures/watch a video showing Sikh people celebrating these times
 - Invite a **Sikh** visitor and talk to him/her about their special times

Skills and attitudes

- Expression
- Interpretation
- Investigation
- Awe and wonder
- Understanding of a different faith

- English
- PSHE
- Art



Key Question 5: What can be learnt from the lives of significant people of faith?

Most pupils will be expected to:

- Identify people in their own lives who are important
- Begin to recognise the effect the ten **Gurus** have on the way that **Sikhs** live their lives

• Show awareness that for **Sikhs** the **Gurus** are special

Suggested areas of study

- Identify people who are special in the:
 - Family
 - Community
 - School
- Learn about the ten Gurus and some Sikh stories connected to them

Think about why these Gurus matter to Sikhs

Links and suggested activities

- Respond through talk, pictures, role-play their understanding of 'special people'
- Hear special stories from the lives of the Gurus e.g.
 - Guru Har Gobind: the story of Diwali, the Guru and his cloak
 - Bhai Khanaya: showing concern for all humanity
 - Guru Arjan: compiled the holy book
 - Look at pictorial representations of the 10 Gurus
 - Hear the story of Guru
 Nanak and talk about his importance
- Talk about how Sikhs (and themselves) can learn from the Gurus e.g. how do they show people how to live good lives, by setting a good example?

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- Evaluation
- Commitment
- P4C
- · Understanding of a different faith

- English
- Drama
- PSHE



Key Question 6: How do I and others feel about life and the universe around us?

Most pupils will be expected to:

 Show awareness of some values which are central to a Sikh worldview e.g. defending the faith and the helpless

- Show awareness of the importance of remembering the words of significant people
- Identify times in their own experience when they have defended / helped someone or something, or been defended / helped

Suggested areas of study

Learn about the role of the **Khalsa** to protect

- Learn about how different Gurus have protected and helped others
- Make links between these Sikh values and times in their own lives when they have protected or helped others, or when others have helped and protected them

Links and suggested activities

- Hear stories about the founding
 of the Khalsa to defend the faith
 and to stand up for those who
 could not defend themselves.
 Look at the Panj Kakke (5k's)
 and at how they remind Sikhs of
 these ideas today eg the dagger
 reminds them not to let injustices
 happen, and the shorts remind
 them of the importance of
 freedom and of protecting the
 vulnerable
- Hear some **Sikh** stories about **Gurus** who have fought to protect others, or fought for a just cause e.g.:
 - Guru Har Rai set up a dispensary to give free medicine to the sick
 - Guru Tegh Bahadur and Guru Arjan were martyred
- Talk about how to look after and protect those who may need help e.g. younger children, animals, the poor etc.
 - Talk about times when they have felt the need to stand up for someone else, or for themselves. Talk about different ways of doing this, violent and non-violent

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- Awe and wonder
- P4C
- Understanding of a different faith

- English
- PSHE
- SMSC



Key Question 1: Why are these words special?

Most pupils will be expected to:

 Recognise that Guru Granth Sahib (collection of Sikh scriptures) are the sacred 'words' for Sikhs

Suggested areas of study

- 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
- Discover that this is the holy book for Sikhs, treated as a living Guru
 - How is it treated by Sikhs?

Links and suggested activities

- Write a biography of Guru Arjan
- Describe how the Holy Book is treated by Sikhs

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- Expression
- Interpretation
- P4C
- Understanding of a different faith

Cross curricular links

- English
- History
- PSHE

Websites and Publications

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Key Question 2: Why are some places special?

Most pupils will be expected to:

- Recognise the importance of the Gurdwara in the life of the Sikh community
- Use religious language to describe some Sikh worship activities and artefacts
- Begin to recognise why some places are special, e.g. the Golden Temple in Amritsar and the five Takhts, which are linked with the Gurus, to the world-wide Sikh community and why
- Recognise and describe how Sikhs aspire to make a pilgrimage to the Golden Temple and/or one of the five Takhts, at least once in their lifetime

Suggested areas of study

- Describe a Gurdwara 'House of the Guru', using photographs and videos to find out:
 - What happens there?
 - Recognise different sections / features
- Find out about how worship is carried out in the Gurdwara, involving:
 - Hymns
 - Pravers
 - Preparations (removing shoes, covering head ...)
 - Reading from the Guru Granth Sahib
- Explore why the five **Takhts** are important and where they are
- Investigate why Sikhs place value on pilgrimages to the Golden Temple

Links and suggested activities

- Visit a Gurdwara.
 - Discuss the **Sikh** practice of service to others (represented by the **Langar** [kitchen] attached to a **Gurdwara** serving free food to anyone who needs it)
- Listen to Sikh music. Report orally:
 - How do Sikhs worship in the Gurdwara?
- Locate places on a map and label the five **Takhts** and why they are significant for **Sikhs**:
 - Amritsar
 - Anandpur
 - Nanded
 - Patna
 - Nankana Sahib (Tahwandi Sabo)
- Look at photographs and videos to find out about the Golden Temple, so that they can describe its importance to Sikhs
 - Use ICT to discover the difference between 'regular' Gurdwara and the Golden Temple. Present findings as:
 - a PowerPoint presentation
 - a table
 - a brochure
 - a poster

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- Evaluation
- Understanding of a different faith

- English
- Art
- ICT
- Geography
- Music
- PSHE



Key Question 3: How can faith contribute to Community Cohesion?

Most pupils will be expected to:

- Recognise the Sikh statement of belief – 'Ik Onkar'. There is only one God, Supreme Truth, Creator of all things'
- Describe the outward signs and symbols used to express belonging to the Sikh faith

- Know about the Sikh values of: sharing; service; earning one's living by honest means (Kirat Karna); acceptance of God's will; equality of gender, race and creed
- Begin to recognise that community gatherings can be an expression of faith

Suggested areas of study

- Find out about Sikh beliefs about God
- Find out about the Panj Kakke (5k's):
 - **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 some Sikh prohibitions; not eating ritually slaughtered meat; tobacco, alcohol, drugs
- Look at areas of community service by Sikhs
- Discover that Sikhs believe the Gurdwara is open to all and Langar Savar (worship) means sharing food with others

Links and suggested activities

- Create artistic representations of some Sikh beliefs about God, including different names/titles of God for display
- Investigate the symbols many Sikhs' wear and what they represent
 - Why are they important?
 - Are they respected in the local community?
 - Interview a Sikh about their beliefs and the signs and symbols they use, and link this information to beliefs, signs and symbols in their own lives
- Discuss what prohibitions they should have in their own lifestyles and why. How do these compare with the Sikh's?
- Write and decorate menus/recipes for a **Sikh** friend.
 - Visit a Gurdwara and find out about the Langar

Skills and attitudes

- Understanding
- Expression
- Investigation
- CommitmentBritish Values
- P4C
- Understanding of a different faith

- PSHE
- English
- Art
- Citizenship



Key Question 4: Why are some times special?

Most pupils will be expected to:

 Recognise and describe some 'special' Sikh ceremonies

Recognise and describe the Sikh holy days – Gurpurbs and Melas

Suggested areas of study

- Describe the meaning of the word ceremonies and list those they know (from any faith). Investigate the Sikh ceremonies:
 - Naming
 - Amrit
 - Marriage
 - Death
- Discover the traditions for marking:
 - The birthdays of Guru Nanak and Guru Gobind Singh
 - The martyrdom of Guru Arjan and Guru Tegh Bahadur
 - Baisakhi
 - Diwali

Links and suggested activities

- Talk about recent celebrations of their own eg a birthday.
 Describe the similarities and differences between this celebration and a religious celebration
 - Find out how Sikhs
 celebrate festivals and
 ceremonies and make
 some of the artefacts
 connected with them for
 display
- Design a poster to illustrate the significance of a Sikh festival/Holy Day

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- Understanding of a different faith

- Art
- English
- PSHE
- DT



Key Question 5: What can be learnt from the lives of significant people of faith?

Most pupils will be expected to:

 Recognise some of the stories about the ten **Gurus**

- Describe why the Gurus are important to Sikhs and what kind of examples they set
- Make links with people they find inspiring

Suggested areas of study

- Research the ten Gurus and feedback through – written, oral or dramatic representation:
 - Guru Nanak: the founder
 - Guru Arjan: the first Sikh martyr
 - Guru Har Gobind: remembered at Diwali for helping to have prisoners released
 - Guru Tegh Bahadur: also martyred
- Explore and investigate how the Gurus' stories teach and inspire Sikhs
- Describe the qualities they would look for in an inspiring leader or role model and link this with Sikh responses to stories about the ten Gurus

Links and suggested activities

- Read or watch a video about the ten Gurus and respond in a variety of creative ways eg:
 - Oral or written news reports
 - Drama
 - Re-enact key moments.
 - Artwork
- Discuss martyrdom
 - Is there anything they consider worth dying for? Why?
- Talk about the people they find inspiring, and what special qualities they have, making links with the qualities of some of the Gurus

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- Interpretation
- P4C
- SMSC
- Understanding of a different faith

- English
- Drama
- PSHE
- Art



Key Question 6: How do I and others feel about life and the universe around us?

Most pupils will be expected to:

 Describe some Sikh beliefs and teachings about equality, tolerance and service

- Be aware of shared rights and responsibilities
- Be aware of injustice between nations

Suggested areas of study

- Learn about these dimensions of a **Sikh** life:
 - Nam Japna
 - Kirat Karni
 - Vand Chhakna
- Examine different rules in various contexts eg school, sports, board-games
- Look at global events and campaigns:
 - Live Aid/Live 8
 - The Trade Justice Movement
 - Make Poverty History Campaign
 - Climate Change Campaign (Greta Thunberg)

Links and suggested activities

- Read stories about Guru
 Nanak's trip to the market, the
 two villages (equality) and
 Maharaja Ranjit-Singh
 (tolerance and equality), Bhai
 Kanahya (equality, service and
 tolerance)
- Create artwork or drama presentations of stories (NB. No one should portray the Guru – but they may read his words)
- Discuss ways in which they themselves might serve others:
 - Individually.
 - As a class
 - As a school
 - Locally
 - Globaĺly
- Investigate global examples of equality and inequality e.g. the Fair-Trade movement, and discuss how a Sikh might respond to both the issues and some of the work which people are doing in this area

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- Analysis
- P4C
- Understanding of a different faith
- British Values

- Drama
- Art
- English
- PSHE



Key Question 1: Why are these words special?

Most pupils will be expected to:

- Demonstrate understanding of how and why the Guru Granth Sahib is given the same significance as a human Guru
- Describe and explain the impact of the Guru Granth Sahib on Sikhs today
- Read and think about the Mool Mantar and the way it describes beliefs about God

Suggested areas of study

 Research how the Guru Granth Sahib is treated

Links and suggested activities

- Sikh links with the teachings of Muslims and Hindus. (Use www.sikhs.org to investigate and analyse)
- Diary account of a story of Guru Nanak (as seen by one of his followers)
- Conversation with a Sikh about the compiling of the Guru Granth Sahib
- Leaflet/poster explaining to non-Sikhs how the Guru Granth
 Sahib is to be treated and why
- Speech to persuade the people Guru Nanak met that God is without enmity, and they should be too
- Explanation and persuasion based on the story of the founding of the Khalsa

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- Understanding
- Evaluation
- Philosophy

Cross curricular links

- English
- ICT
- PSHE

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Key Question 2: Why are some places special?

Most pupils will be expected to:

- Analyse the key role played by the **Gurdwara** in the life of a **Sikh**
 - Be aware of the role played by a Sikh Granthi and identify the qualities that would be needed to fulfil this role effectively

- Evaluate the importance of historically significant **Gurdwaras**
- Explain and evaluate why Amritsar is important for Sikhs as a place of pilgrimage

Suggested areas of study

- Link the key features of a Gurdwara and Sikh worship to some main beliefs, eg in God, equality
 - Investigate why there are often pictures of the Gurus and models of the Golden Temple in British Gurdwaras
 - The most famous Gurdwara its place in Sikh life and thinking. The Golden Temple at Amritsar
- Compare concepts of pilgrim, tourist and traveller

The significance and values of the practice of **Langar** – free kitchen

Links and suggested activities

- Leaflet 'What to expect and how to behave when visiting a Gurdwara'
- Model making: design a new Gurdwara for Barnsley
- The importance and limits of a set place of worship Essay title: Guru Nanak taught that pilgrimage was worthless without right living. Visit a Gurdwara (real or virtual using ICT)
 - Ask questions of visiting speakers.
- Use a search engine or the census web-site to find out about Sikhs in Britain and the region
- Picture from memory using Gurdwara plan
- Diary of a pilgrim, use a thesaurus and glossary to expand vocabulary
- Search for images of the Golden Temple. Select four which best represent its importance to Sikhs
 - Analysis of different religious sites round the world that attract millions

The role of 'special places' in making a coherent shared experience in the **Sikh Dharam**

- Virtual tour of a Gurdwara.
- Create a piece of writing discussing Langar and equality
- The values associated with **Sikh** Langar (?)
 - God's nameless and eternal grace and truth
 - Equality for all who worship

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- Evaluation
- Analysis
- Philosophy

- English
- Geography
- ICT
- PSHE
- DT



Key Question 3: How can faith contribute to Community Cohesion?

Most pupils will be expected to:

- Analyse the role and work of organisations such as Khalsa Aid
- Understand the concept of Sewa (service)
- Show understanding that Britain is a multi-faith society and that this carries some benefits
- Understand the significance of the (5Ks)
- Make links between how religious people express their belief in God and the ways in which they live their lives
- Evaluate their own commitments:
 - What am I committed to?
 - How committed am I?
- Evaluate the term 'commitment' and apply this to the daily life of a Sikh

Suggested areas of study

- Research the work of a Sikh charity
- Investigate Sikh community life, inter-faith involvements
- Examine how **Sikhs** are portrayed in the UK today, look at the media
- Analyse their own views on Sikh standpoints, eg towards alcohol, money and business, sexuality in the media
- I believe...pupils create and express their own creed, making comparisons with Sikh belief
- The impact of a definite moral code on **Sikh** communities

Links and suggested activities

- Work of a Sikh charity, researched and findings presented as a PowerPoint presentation or illustrated speech, intellectual, manual and material examples of Sewa/service
- 'Religion does not consist in mere words. Whoever looks on all people as equals is religious' How do Sikhs express this belief in action?
 - Speakers (possibility of using parents here?)
- Investigate famous Sikhs who have contributed to community cohesion
- http://www.khalsaaid.org
- Letter/booklet for the headteacher outlining what provision is needed within school for Sikh pupils (ICT). See www.sikhkids.com
- Plan a prayer room for a major airport, suitable for Sikhs and others (inter-faith issues)
- Can you write your own 'code for living'?
 - Compare and contrast your own life with that of a Sikh teenager. (See www.bbc.co.uk/religion)
 - Use of artefacts/photo packs/speakers, videos and link to the meaning of the 5Ks
- "The world is a garden, the Lord is its gardener, cherishing all, none neglected" (Guru Granth Sahib).
 - So how should **Sikhs** treat the natural world?
 - Videos/speakers/use of Internet for research

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- Analysis
- Critical thinking
- · Reflective learners
- Philosophy
- British Values

- ICT
- English
- PSHE
- DT
- Citizenship



Key Question 4: Why are some times special?

Most pupils will be expected to:

- Analyse own celebrations (religious and secular)
- Explain what happens at key Sikh festivals and why
- Explain the meaning of the symbolism involved in Sikh festivals and the link to key beliefs

Suggested areas of study

- The nature of religious festivals: the parts played by stories, food, discipline, giving, community worship and other general features of festivals
- Guru Nanak's Birthday
- Sikh celebrations and stories at Divali – the similarities and differences to Hindu celebrations

Links and suggested activities

- Sikh calendar. See www.interfaithcalendar.org
- Diary extracts/letters related to **Baisakhi**
 - Comparison with other festivals
 - Video/speaker
- Compare Sikh Festivals to New Year, my own birthday or the FA Cup Final
 - Why do religious festivals endure and focus life for so many millions?
- Analyse all that is involved in hosting a festival
 - Organise a special celebration

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- Evaluation
- Analysis
- Philosophy

- English
- Art
- PSHE
- ICT



Key Question 5: What can be learnt from the lives of significant people of faith?

Most pupils will be expected to:

- Interpret the key events, and explain the impact of these events, in the life of Guru Nanak
 - Analyse and evaluate the qualities shown by Guru Nanak and his key role in the Sikh Dharam
 - Explain why Guru Nanak is an exemplar of faith for Sikh people
- Reflect critically on the understanding that we are all influenced by individuals and society
- Investigate the lives and influences of some key Sikhs today

Suggested areas of study

- Life of Guru Nanak especially his experience of God, the Guru Granth Sahib, and his key teachings
- Famous Sikhs: How has being a Sikh affected their lives?
- Express answers to questions such as:
 - What/who influences my life?
 - Why?
 - What can I learn from these
 Sikh exemplars?

Links and suggested activities

- Create a storyboard of Guru Nanak's visit to Heaven
- Analysing the role of leaders in comparing how the Guru's role in the Sikh Dharam is similar to/different from the role of the Buddha or of Jesus of Nazareth
- Internet
 - ICT
 - Library
 - www.sikhkids.com
- Pupil's own qualities and similarities to Sikh beliefs.
 - What would they like to be remembered for and why?

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- Evaluation
- Commitment
- Critical thinking
- Philosophy
- Self-understanding.

- English
- ICT
- PSHE



Key Question 6: How do I and others feel about life and the universe around us?

Most pupils will be expected to:

- Consider the impact of Sikh belief that God is benevolent, not incarnated, merciful, and the Name of God is Eternal Truth
 - Begin to interpret some philosophical arguments for and against the existence of God
- Interpret the story of Guru
 Nanak's visit to the Court of God

- Evaluate their own beliefs and experience regarding the existence and nature of God
- Evaluate/analyse how death is marked and understand why. (Be aware these rituals may raise some questions in a non-Sikh society)

Suggested areas of study

- Learn about some arguments for God's existence, and the criticisms which may be made of them eq
 - Is God the designer of the world?
 - What is the meaning of the sense of the presence of God in Sikh experience (including the experience of Guru Nanak)?
- Consider the idea that 'God's light is contained in the heart of each person'
 - Consider the immanence of God in **Sikh** understanding

- Express their own views about questions about God, and the reasons they hold these views
- Death ceremonies and key beliefs about reincarnation

Links and suggested activities

- Find out what some **Sikhs** have said about the existence of God, and what criticisms may be made of their arguments. This to focus particularly on the spiritual experience of God's presence
- Clarify their understanding of the words: God, Atheist, Agnostic, Theist, and Sikh
 - Create a display of two halves:
 - 1. God might exist.
 - God might not exist
 - Organise a class survey to find out the percentage of atheists, agnostics and theists in the group and hold a class debate about the evidence for and against the existence of God – a good title might be "This house believes that we have a beautiful world, so there must be a wonderful
- Draw a mind map of what affects us emotionally
- Reflect on their own beliefs and experiences of the existence and nature of God and express them creatively
- Key beliefs about death and how these are clearly shown in the rituals/practices.

Skills and attitudes

- Investigation
- Interpretation
- Evaluation
- Self-understanding
- Philosophy

- English
- PSHE
- Art



Sikh Dharam

Key Stages 1, 2 and 3

Useful websites

A Google search BBC Bitesize Sikhism accesses the following:

- KS1 Religious Education class clips (How do Sikhs show care? A visit to a Gurdwara etc.).
- KS2 Religious Studies 3 learner guides and 13 class clips (Sikh food and turban tying etc.).
- KS2 Religious Studies 3 learner guides and 13 class clips (Who was Guru Nanak? What is Vaisakhi? etc).
- What is Sikhism? KS2 (What do Sikhs believe, The Five Ks, Martial arts etc.)
- KS3 Religious Studies (Sikh beliefs and worship etc.).
- Eduqas GCSE (The nature of human life, The Khalsa etc.).

Related searches include - Sikhism facts, Sikhism GCSE, Sikh

A Google search Facts for Kids Sikhism accesses the following:

- Fun Facts about Sikhism (KS1 and KS2)
- Sikhism for KS1 and KS2 children Top 10 facts and timeline etc.
- Sikhism for Children Primary Homework Help for Kids Who is the founder of Sikhism? etc.
- Sikhism Facts for Kids Beliefs, God, Salvation, Vaisakhi etc.
- 18 Fascinating Facts about Sikhism The concept of God, The making of the Khalsa etc.

Related searches include – key facts about Sikhism, 20 facts about Sikhism, Sikhism facts for year 7s, Sikhism fun facts etc.

Other useful websites include:

- RE Today (Various Primary resources) www.shop.retoday.org.uk/resources-for-teaching-sikhism
- True Tube The Five K's, Vaisakhi (a tour of Ramanjot's Gurdwara); The Sikh Naming Ceremony (Sikh names usually have special meanings). www.truetube.co.uk/sikh
- Twinkl (account required) Sikhism Primary Resources (Festivals and celebrations, Places of Worship worksheet, etc.). www.twinkl.co.uk

NB Websites above correct at time of publication



Sikh Dharam

Key Stages 1, 2 and 3

Useful publications

- Times to Remember The Birthday to Celebrate A Story of Guru Nanak (KS1 Big Book) Religious and Moral Education Press.
- Start-up Religion Visiting a Gurdwara (KS1/2) Evans Bros. Ltd.
- Celebrations Baisakha (KS1/2) Heinemann
- Our Culture Sikh (KS1/2) Franklin Watts.
- My Community (KS1/2) Franklin Watts.
- Let's Find Out About Sikh Gurdwaras (KS1/2) Raintree Publishing.
- My Life, My Religion Sikh Granthi (KS1/2) Franklin Watts
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ICT - Information and Communication Technology

DT – Design TechnologyP4C – Philosophy for Children

SMSC - Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development

PSHE - Personal, Social and Health Education



VISITING A PLACE OF WORSHIP

SIKH TEMPLE (Gurdwara)



GENERAL INFORMATION

It is always advisable to:

- Visit a place of worship prior to a class visit, if this is possible
- Prepare pupils as much as possible prior to a visit
- Obtain a risk assessment for the place of worship prior to a class visit
- · Check class limits each place of worship may have a different class limit

Donations

Voluntary donations towards the upkeep of a place of worship are always appreciated.

Contact Details

Contact details for a variety of Interfaith Centre's can be found on the LA RE website with recommendations from SACRE/school visits.

Dress Code

Shoes should be removed on entering the Gurdwara. Hands should be washed. Men/boys - heads must be covered - a scarf is required. Long trousers and a long-sleeved shirt/jacket should be worn. Short trousers should only be worn by younger boys <u>if</u> they are part of school uniform. Women/girls - heads must be covered - a scarf is required. Long skirts/trousers and a long-sleeved top should be worn. School uniforms are acceptable for younger girls. Low necklines and crop tops are unacceptable.

Behaviour

- Respect the building as a place of worship. It is regarded as special to the people who worship there
- Please do not turn your back to the Guru Granth Sahib. This is seen as disrespectful
- Mobile phones should be turned off whilst in the building
- Photography is permitted at most times. Please check with the Faith Tutor prior to the visit
- Alcohol should NOT be consumed before visiting the Gurdwara and is NOT allowed on the premises
- Tobacco is NOT allowed on the premises
- Meat/fish/egg products are NOT allowed on the premises



Sikh Dharam glossary

Sikh terms are drawn from the Punjabi language, and the versions below are based upon that language. As with all transliterations, there are problems which are difficult to resolve. This is particularly true when moving from the **Gurmukhi** script which has an alphabet of 35 letters, to the Roman alphabet which has only 26 letters. Many of these terms will also be found in the Hindu Dharma and the Way of the Buddha but with somewhat different meanings. Literal meanings are shown in *italics*.

Adi Granth

First book. See Guru Granth Sahib.

Akal Purakh

The Eternal One. A designation frequently used of God by **Guru *Nanak**.

Akal Takhat

See Akal Takht.

Akal Takht

Throne of the Eternal I
Throne of the Timeless One.
Building facing the Golden
Temple in Amritsar, where
Sikhs gather for political
purposes. Also spelt Akal
Takhat.

Akhand Path

Continuous reading of the **Guru Granth** Sahib from beginning to end.

Amrit

Nectar. Sanctified liquid made of sugar and water, used in initiation ceremonies.

Amrit ceremony

The Sikh rite of initiation into the Khalsa. The term 'baptism' should not be used. Also called Amrit Sanskar, Amrit Pahul, Khande di Pahul or Amrit Chhakna.

Amrit Chhakna

Taking Amrit. See Amrit ceremony.

<u>Amrit Pahu</u>l

See Amrit ceremony.

Amrit Sanskar

See Amrit ceremony.

Amritsar

Main pilgrimage centre, site of the **Golden Temple**, the holiest site in the **Sikh Dharam**.

Anand Karai

Ceremony of bliss. Sikh wedding ceremony. Also called **Anand Sanskar**.

Anand Sanskar

See Anand Karaj.

<u>Anandpur</u> Pilgrimage centre.

Ardas

Prayer. The formal prayer offered at most religious acts

Asa Da Vaar

Hymn sung at the beginning of every worship at the **gurdwara**.

Baisakhi

A major **Sikh** festival celebrating the formation of the **Khalsa**, 1699 **CE**. Also spelt **Vaisakhi**.

Bangla Sahib

The site of the martyrdom of **Guru** *Har Krishan at Delhi.

<u>Ban</u>i

See Gurbani.

BCE (Before Common Era) Commonly used secular and historical reckoning used throughout this syllabus.

Bhai

Brother. A title of respect used by **Sikhs**, for people they honour.

CE (Common Era)

Commonly used secular and historical reckoning used throughout this syllabus, which was published in 2005 **CE.** It matches the Christian years AD, 'in the year of our Lord'.

<u>Chanan</u>i

Canopy over the scriptures, used as a mark of respect. Also spelt **Chandni.**

Chandni

See Chanani.

Chaur

See Chauri.

Chauri

Symbol of the authority of the **Guru Granth Sahib.** Fan waved over scriptures, made of yak hair or nylon. It should not be called a 'fly swat'. Also spelt **Chaur.**

<u>Chunn</u>i

Scarf often worn by **Sikh** women.

Cremation

Sikhs do not bury the dead but cremate them.

Dasam Granth

Collection of compositions, some of which are attributed to the tenth **Guru**, **Guru*****Gobind Singh**, compiled some years after his death.

<u>Dival</u>i

See Diwali.



<u>Diwal</u>i

Sikh festival of light.
Remembering the release of **Guru *Hargobind** from prison. Has similarities and difference to the Hindu festival of the same name, celebrated around the same time. Also spelt **Divali.**

Giani

A person learned in the **Sikh** scriptures.

Golden Temple

At **Amritsar**, the holiest site in the **Sikh Dharam**.

Granthi

Reader of the **Guru *Granth Sahib**, who officiates at ceremonies.

Gurbani

Divine word revealed by the **Gurus**. The **Shabads** contained in the **Guru Granth Sahib**. Also called **Bani** or **Vani**.

Gurdwara (Gurdwaras)

Doorway to the Guru. Sikh place of worship. Also spelt Gurudwara.

Gurmat

The Guru's guidance.

Gurmukh

One who lives by the **Guru's** teaching.

Gurmukhi

From the **Guru's** mouth.

Name given to the script in which the scriptures and the **Punjabi** language are written.

Gurpurab

See Gurpurb.

Gurpurb (Gurpurbs)

A Guru's anniversary (birth or death). Also used for other anniversaries, for example, of the installation of the Guru Granth Sahib; 1604 CE. Also spelt Gurpurab.

Guru (Gurus)

Teacher. In the Sikh
Dharam, the title of Guru is reserved for the ten human
Gurus and the Guru Granth
Sahib.

Guru Granth Sahib

Primal collection of **Sikh** scriptures, compiled by **Guru Arjan** and given its final form by **Guru** ***Gobind Singh** in 1604 **CE**. Also called **Adi Granth**. The lone term 'Granth' should be avoided.

Guru ka Langar

See Langar.

<u>Gurudwara</u>

See **Gurdwara**.

Harimandir

House of God. Temple at Amritsar, built by Guru *Arjan.

<u>Hauma</u>i

Egoism. The major spiritual defect

Hukam

God's will. A random reading taken for guidance from the Guru Granth Sahib. Also called Vak or Vaak.

Ik Onkar

There is only One God. The first phrase of the Mool Mantar. It is also used as a symbol to decorate Sikh objects.

Janam Sakhi

See Janamsakhi.

<u>Janamsakh</u>i

Birth stories. Hagiographic life stories of a Guru, especially Guru *Nanak. Also spelt Janam Sakhi.

Japii Sahib

A morning prayer, composed by **Guru *Nanak**, which forms the first chapter of the **Guru Granth Sahib**.

Jivan Mukht

See Jivan Mukt.

<u>Jivan Muk</u>t

Enlightened while in the material body; a spiritually enlightened person, freed from worldly bonds. Also spelt **Jivan Mukht.**

Kachera

Traditional underwear / shorts. One of the five Ks - see **Panj Kakke**.

<u>Kakka</u>

Singular of the **Punjabi** letter K (plural 'kakke ') - see **Panj Kakke.**

<u>Kanga</u>

See Kangha.

Kangha

Comb worn in the hair. One of the five Ks - see **Panj Kakke.** Also spelt **Kanga.**

Kara

Steel band worn on the right wrist. One of the five Ks - see **Panj Kakke**.

Karah Parshad

Sanctified food distributed at **Sikh** ceremonies. Also spelt **Karah Prasad.**

Karah Prasad

See Karah Parshad.

Kaur

Princess. Name given to all Sikh females by Guru *Gobind Singh. See Singh.



<u>Kes</u>

See Kesh.

Kesh

Uncut hair. One of the five Ks – see **Panj Kakke.** Also spelt **Kes.**

Khalsa

The community of the pure. The **Sikh** community.

Khalsa Aid

A Sikh charity organisation.

Khanda

(i) Double-edged sword used in the initiation ceremony. (ii) Also used of the emblem on the **Sikh** flag.

Khande di Pahul

See Amrit ceremony.

Kirat Karna

Earning one's livelihood by one's own honest efforts.

Kirpan

Sword. One of the five Ks - see **Panj Kakke**. The term 'dagger' should be avoided.

<u>Kirtan</u>

Devotional singing of the compositions found in the **Guru Granth Sahib**.

Kirtan Sohila

A prayer said before retiring for sleep. It is also used at the **Cremation** ceremony and when the **Guru Granth Sahib** is laid to rest

Kurahit

Prohibitions, for example intoxicants.

Langar

Guru 's kitchen. The gurdwara dining hall and the food served in it. Also called Guru ka Langar.

<u>Mani</u>i

Small platform on which the scripture is placed. Also referred to as **Manji Sahib**.

Manji Sahib

See Manji.

Manmukh

Self-orientated. The opposite of the desired **gurmukh**. Also spelt **Munmukh**.

Mela (Melas)

Fair. Used of **Sikh** festivals which are not **gurpurbs**.

Mool Mantar

Basic teaching I Essential teaching. The basic statement of belief at the beginning of the Guru Granth Sahib. Also spelt Mui Mantar.

Mui Mantar

See Mool Mantar.

Munmukh

See Manmukh.

Naam Simran

See Nam Simran.

Nam Simaran

See Nam Simran.

Nanded

Pilgrimage centre.

Nam Simran

Meditation on the divine name, using passages of scripture. Also spelt Nam Simaran and Naam Simran.

Nankana Sahib

Birthplace of **Guru *Nanak.**In modern day Pakistan.
Also called **Talwandi Sabo.**

Nishan Sahib

Sikh flag flown at **Gurdwaras.**

Nit Nern

The recitation of specified daily prayers.

Pala

Piece of cloth used to tie together the bride and groom during their **Anand Kiraj** (wedding).

Pani Kakke

The five Ks. The symbols of the Sikh Dharam worn by Sikhs, namely Kachera (shorts). Kangha (comb), Kara (steel wristband). Kesh (uncut hair) and Kirpan (Sword).

Pani Piare

The five beloved ones. (i) Those first initiated into the **Khalsa.** (ii) Those who perform the rite today. Also spelt **Panj Pyare** and other forms.

Pani Pvare

See Panj Pjare.

<u>Panjab</u>

See Punjab.

<u>Paniabi</u>

See Punjabi.

Panth

The **Sikh** community.

Patases

Sugar bubbles or crystals used to prepare **Amrit.** Also spelt **Patashas**.

<u>Patashas</u>

See Patases.

Pautha **Pautha**

Pilgrimage centre.

Puniab

Land of five rivers. The area of India in which the **Sikh Dharam** originated. also spelt **Panjab**.



<u>Puniab</u>i

Of the land of five rivers. (i) Native of the Punjab; (ii) The local language, used in the **Sikh Dharam** written in the Gurmukhi script. May also spelt **Panjabi**.

<u>Raqi</u>

Sikh musician who sings compositions from the **Guru Granth Sahib.**

Rahit

Sikh obligations, for example to meditate on God.

Rahit Maryada

Sikh Code of Discipline. Also spelt **Rehat Maryada**.

Rahiras

A prayer said at the end of the day.

Rehat Maryada

See Rehit Maryada.

Sadhsangat

Congregation or assembly of **Sikhs.** See **Sangat.**

Sangat

See Sadhsangat

Seva

See Sewa.

Sewa

Service directed at Sadhangat and **Gurdwara**, but also to humanity in general. Also spelt **Seva**.

Sabad

See Shabad.

Shabad (Shabads)
Word. Hymn from the Guru
Granth Sahib; the divine
word. Also spelt Sabad and
Shabd.

Shabd

See Shabad.

Shalwar

Baggy trousers often worn by **Sikh** women.

Sikh (Sikh s)

Learner I Disciple. A person who believes in the ten Gurus and the Guru Granth Sahib, and who has no other religion.

Sikh Dharam

Life of the Learner I Disciple.
The code of **Sikh** life.

Singh

Lion. Name adopted by **Sikh** males (see **Kaur**).

Sis Gani Sahib

The site of the martyrdom of **Guru *Tegh Bahadur** at Delhi.

Tahwandi Sabo

Pilgrimage centre, the birthplace of **Guru *Nanak**. Also called **Nankana Sahib**.

Takht (Takhts)

The five **takht** are the places where all important decisions about **Sikh** belief and practice are made.

Turban

Distinctive headwear worn by **Sikhs.** Made from a single long piece of cloth.

<u>Vaak</u>

See Hukam.

Vak

See Hukam.

Vand Chhakna

Sharing one 's time, talents and earnings with the less fortunate.

Vaisakhi

See Baisakhi.

Vani

See Gurbani.

Waheguru

Wonderful Lord. A **Sikh** name for God.



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The following are brief details of people mentioned in the Syllabus.

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Guru *Angad (1504-1552 CE), originally called *Lehna. Second Guru of the Sikh Dharam (1539-1552). He developed the Gurmukhi script and collected Guru *Nanak's hymns. He also organised sports at festivals.

Guru *Arian (1563-1606 CE), fifth Guru of the Sikh Dharam (1581-1606), the first Sikh martyr.

Guru *Gobind Singh (1666-1708), became tenth Guru of the Sikh Dharam (1675-1708). After the murder of his father, Guru *Tegh Bahadur, he established an armed town, Paunta, and the Khalsa. Name may be spelt Govind Singh and original known as Gobind Rai.

*Gurinda Chadha (b. 1962 CE), current film director of "Bend It Like Beckham" and "Bride and Prejudice".

Guru *Har Krishan (1656-1664 CE), eighth Guru of the Sikh Dharam (1661-1664). Died of smallpox. Also spelt Harkishan or Harkrishan.

Guru *Har Rai (1630-1661 CE), seventh Guru of the Sikh Dharam (1645-1661).

Guru *Har Gobind (1595-1645 CE), sixth Guru of the Sikh Dharam (1606-1645). Son of Guru *Arjan. Also spelt Hargobind or Hargovind.

Bhai *Khanava. a Sikh commended by Guru *Gobind Singh for serving water to the wounded enemy.

*Lakhnmi Das (b. after 1485 CE), younger son of Guru
*Nanak and *Sulakhni.

Bhai *Lalo, a humble carpenter who opened his house to Guru *Nanak. The Guru preferred Bhai *Lalo's simple food to the offerings of a rich local merchant.

*Lehna (1504-1552 CE), see Guru *Angad.

*Mardana (c. 1480s CE), servant of Guru *Nanak.

Guru *Nanak (1469-1539 CE). Founder of the Sikh Dharam. Born a Hindu at Talwandi, but aware of Islam. He disappeared whilst bathing and reappeared three days later. He a built a Dharamsala and developed the Langar. Married to *Sulakhni and had two sons *Sri Chand and *Lakhnmi Das.

Maharaja *Ranjit-Singh, who showed tolerance and respect.

Guru *Ram Das (1534-1581 CE), fourth Guru of the Sikh Dharam (1574-1581), the founder of Amritsar.

*Sri Chand (b. after 1485 CE), elder son of Guru *Nanak and *Sulakhni.

*Sulakhni (b. c. 1470s CE), wife of Guru *Nanak.

Guru *Tegh Bahadur (1621-1675 CE), ninth Guru of the Sikh Dharam (1664-1675), murdered.