

Year 3 - Spring

RE Knowledge Organiser

Topic:

Sikhism

Key Vocabulary

Dastaar - Sikh turban: a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head (worn by Sikh men)

Kirtan – a call & response form or singing or chanting

Kesh – the practice of allowing one's hair to grow naturally out of respect for the perfection of God's creation

Kangha – comb used twice a day as a symbol of cleanliness & tidiness

Kara - steel bracelet; one of the 5 Ks (kakars) that identify a Sikh as dedicated to their faith

Kaccha Soldiers – another of the 5 Ks: cotton underwear (used to be worn by 18th/19th Century Sikh warriors)

Katha – a talk about Sikhi to help deepen the knowledge of its history and what it means to be a Sikh

Kirpan – a ceremonial sword

How did it begin/where did it originate from?

The Sikh faith began around 1500AD when Guru Nanak began teaching a faith that was quite different to Hinduism & Islam. Founded in Punjab, Northern India.

Important beliefs & teachings:

There is only one God.

Holla Mohalla festival – athleticism is tested in horsemanship & martial arts

Baisakhi – a spring festival in April, celebrating the year Sikhism began

Diwali – a festival of the sixth Guru, celebrated in October by Sikhs, Hindus and Jains known as the festival of light

Place of worship:

Temple of Gurdwara



Key Symbols/People:

Khanda: a double-edged sword and symbol of the Sikh faith:

KHANDA - The central sword represents the belief in one god and the separating of truth from lies.

CHAKRAM - The circle symbolises god's eternal nature, with no end or beginning. It stands for unity and reminds one to stay within god's rules.

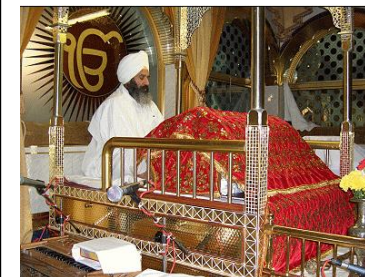


SWORD ON THE LEFT - Known as Piri, it stands for spiritual dominion

SWORD ON THE RIGHT - Known as Miri, it stands for political sovereignty

Special Book:

Guru Granth Sahib



Sequence of lessons	
Week 1	Introduction to Sikhism – when and where was it started and what do they believe?
Week 2	The Ten Gurus
Week 3	5 Symbols that make up Sikh's uniform
Week 4	Places of worship- gurdwara and Sikh holy book The Guru Granth Sahib
Week 5	Sikh festivals
Week 6	Enquiry question – What does it mean to be a Sikh? Draw a mindmap showing Sikh traditions and beliefs