

<b>Unit Title</b> The importance of the Guru Granth Sahib. How and Why are the Gurus important to Sikhs? Year 3 or Year 3/4 on a rolling programme <b>Key focus areas of enquiry</b> B Practices and ways of life E Meaning Purpose and truth	
<b>Background Story/ Information</b> Sikhs believe in one God who sees and knows everything. He created the world and is everlasting and all powerful. Sikhs follow the teaching of ten gurus who taught ordinary people how God wanted them to live.	
<b>Cross Curricular Links</b> Art Thinking Skills literacy ICT	<b>Key Vocabulary</b> Gurus. Teacher/leader Langar God
<b>Skills</b> Investigation Interpretation Analysis and Evaluation Communication	<b>Attitudes</b> Self-awareness Open-mindedness Appreciation and Wonder

**Key Questions** What is a Guru? Who teaches me? What would my ideal teacher be like? What good cause would I support? What do I know about Guru Nanak? Why is the Temple at Amritsar important to Sikhs? What do I think of the value of a holy book?

**Learning Objectives**  
Recall the teachings and stories of Guru Nanak

Learn how Sikh gurus were identified and something of their significance to Sikhs.

**Possible Teaching/Learning Activities**

Recap on teaching about Guru Nanak. What do the children remember about Guru Nanak and his teachings? The children could create a mind map of information about Guru Nanak.

Before Guru Nanak died he chose the guru who was to follow him in leading and teaching the people. There were ten gurus in all each chosen by the one who came before. After his the final Guru became the Guru Granth Sahib- the Sikh's holy book which would from now on provide all necessary teaching for Sikhs. Use candles or torches to illustrate how the spirit of one Guru was used to inspire the life of the next guru and so until there was light enough for the Sikh community to see God's purposes for them.

Tell the children that Guru means teacher. Ask the children to identify the characteristics of a good teacher by drawing the outline of an anonymous

**Learning Outcomes**

I can identify some teachings , stories and details of Guru Nanak's life

I can identify some of the ten gurus and describe some of their contributions to the development of the Sikh faith.

I can describe what makes a good teacher

**Resources**



<p>Learn about the Sikh belief on the equality of all people in the eyes of God.</p>	<p>the opportunity to respond to the message with a question of the writer.</p> <p><b>Guru Amar Das</b>- set up a langar so that people could sit and eat together. This emphasised the equality of all the people who came and the idea that all human beings are equal in God's eyes. Tell the story of the Emperor and the Langar see Anita Gianeri- Sikh Stories, Page 14.</p> <p>Ask the children to write a short paragraph about his story using a writing frame e.g.</p> <p>I think that this story is important to Sikhs because-----</p> <p>I think it helps them understand_-----</p> <p>I think it might be good for everyone to hear this story because-----</p>	<p>I can describe the significance of the story of the Emperor and the Langar to Sikhs and suggest why his might be an important story.</p>	
<p>Learn about the Golden Temple at Amritsar</p>	<p><b>Guru Arjan Dev</b>- the fifth Guru built the Golden Temple in Amritsar. He collected the writings of the previous gurus and the writings of Hindu and Muslim saints together in the Temple. -See page 18 in Sikh Stories. Guru Arjan Dev believed that he holy words spoken and written by the teachers of faith should be kept in a holy building. Look at some</p>	<p>I can raise questions about the temple at Amritsar.</p>	.

<p>Reflect on who they would like to help /support</p>	<p>pictures of the Golden Temple and ask the children to write questions about this building on post it's on these. Vote the best two/three questions and research the answers using books , pictures and websites.</p> <p><b>Guru Har Rai-</b> was the seventh Guru who was well known for his kind nature. He opened free hospitals and gave away medicines to the sick and the needy. Sikhs believe that we should follow this example of charitable giving to others. This view is also held by humanists and those of other faiths. If you could persuade other people to give money to a good cause, what would it be? Design a poster/ or send an email to persuade others to support your cause suggesting to them why they should think that it might be good to help others less fortunate.</p>	<p>.</p> <p>I can suggest to others why it might be a good thing to share my commitments and values</p>	
<p><b>Assessment Opportunities ☺</b>  <b>Identify some Sikh symbols.</b>  <b>Identify some symbols that have meaning for them</b>  <b>Suggest some symbols /metaphors for God</b>  <b>Make suggestions about what God might be like</b>  <b>Suggest how some Sikh stories/words from the Guru Granth Sahib help Sikhs to understand what God is like and how to live</b></p>			

**Identify where and how where service is offered in the school/ how Sikhs seek to serve others.**

**Retell the story of the Founding of the Khalsa and say why it is important for Sikhs today.**

**Identify how commitment is shown with the Sikh community and in communities of which I am a part.**