

Unit title	1 st Year Unit 5: Sikhism
Duration	15 hours (including a visit to the Gurdwara).
About this unit	<p>Sikhism is a religion that originated in the 15th century in the Punjab region, near the present day border between Pakistan and India. The term "Sikh" means "disciple" or "student", and a Sikh is a follower of Sikhism.</p> <p>The Sikh code of conduct and conventions defines a Sikh as any human being who faithfully believes in One Immortal Being; the ten Gurus and the teachings of the ten Gurus; and who does not owe allegiance to any other religion. Sikhs believe in the equality of humankind, the concept of universal brotherhood of man, the One Supreme God, and the individuality of the human soul.</p> <p>The opening hymn of holy Sri Guru Granth Sahib expounds on a Sikh understanding of the attributes of God, "There is one supreme eternal reality; the truth; immanent in all things; creator of all things; immanent in creation. Without fear and without hatred; not subject to time; beyond birth and death; self-revealing. Known by the Guru's grace."</p> <p>The basis of the religion is the union of soul with God, which comes about through a discipline of thoughts and actions against lust, anger, greed, attachment and ego. Sikhs believe that the cycle of reincarnation is escaped by this union. Protecting the religious and political rights of all people and preventing discrimination is an integral part of the Sikh faith.</p>
RE Curriculum Directory	<p>"The human person: With his openness to truth and beauty, his sense of moral goodness, his freedom and the voice of his conscience, with his longings for the infinite and for happiness, man questions himself about God's existence. In all this he discerns signs of his spiritual soul. The soul, the 'seed of eternity we bear in ourselves, irreducible to the merely material,' can have its origin only in God."</p> <p>- Catechism of the Catholic Church 33</p>
Learning Objectives: AT1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To know about the life of Guru Nanak and understand his significance as the first guru and founder of Sikhism. • To understand the meaning of the following symbols: the Ik Onkar and the Khanda. • To be able to describe the 5 K's and explain their significance for Sikhs. • To understand the importance of the Guru Granth Sahib as the 11th guru. • To know the main features of a gurdwara, and understand how these express the beliefs of the worshipping community. • To understand the term and concept of the khalsa. • To understand the importance of service to others, and the concept of sewa.
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit to the Central Gurdwara, Manchester. - Electronic resources available in this folder: T:\Subjects\RE\KS3\1st\Sikhism - A full set of the 5 K's available in the department.
Assessment	A guide to visiting the Gurdwara.

A guide to visiting a Gurdwara: Levelled Assessment Task

The Task: **Write a guidebook for a class of 11-year-olds who are going to visit a Gurdwara, to help them understand more about the Sikh faith.**

Your guidebook must contain:

- A description of the building.
- An explanation of how the building helps us understand certain Sikh beliefs (e.g. the *Guru Granth*, the worship, the *Langar* meal)
- An explanation of why a Gurdwara is important to the Sikh Community
- A written code of conduct for visitors so that they know how to behave and show respect when they make their visit.
- Your opinion as to why the Gurdwara is special
- Contain pictures you have obtained from the internet or your own illustrations.

Look at the Level Descriptors. Under each level you will see what you need to include in your guidebook if you are to achieve that level.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the main features of a Gurdwara • Explain why the Gurdwara is special to Sikhs and what it tells us about their beliefs • Identify how visitors need to behave when visiting a Gurdwara • Present information clearly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain in some detail the main features of a Gurdwara • Explain the significance of the Gurdwara in the life of a Sikh and what it tells us about their beliefs. • Identify and explain why visitors need to behave in certain way when visiting a Gurdwara • Present information accurately and creatively
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain in detail the main features of a Gurdwara and explore what those features represent • Explain in detail why the Gurdwara is special to Sikhs and what key Sikh beliefs it teaches us about. • Identify how visitors need to behave when visiting a Gurdwara and show empathy for why such behaviour is expected • Present information clearly, accurately and attractively. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explain the main features of a Gurdwara and show how those features are influenced by key Sikh beliefs and ideas. ▪ Explain the significance of the Gurdwara in the life of a Sikh and the different religious practices that are held there. ▪ Identify and evaluate why visitors would need to observe a code of conduct when visiting a Gurdwara and discuss why behaving otherwise would cause offence ▪ Present information accurately and creatively making use of research beyond material discussed in class.