

RE Knowledge Organiser for Year 4

Key Question: What is important to Sikhs in their religion?

Sikhism is a monotheistic religion, which means that Sikhs believe that there is only one God, who is formless and eternal. Sikhism is a worldwide religion, although many Sikhs live and worship in Punjab, which is in India.

Tier 3 Vocabulary

Sikhism	One of the world's main religions
Sikh	Someone who follows Sikhism
Guru	A spiritual teacher
Guru Nanak	The founder of Sikhism
Gurdwara	A Sikh place of worship
Guru Granth Sahib	The Sikh holy text
Vaisakhi	One of the major Sikh festivals
monotheism	The belief in one god.



Gurdwara



Khanda
the Sikh symbol

Links to future learning:

KS3 - other world religions, humanism and an acknowledgement of other world views and other religions found in the locality.

Main Beliefs

Sikhs believe that:

- 'There is only one God';
- God created the world and created people to know the difference between right and wrong;
- Images of God are forbidden as is worshipping them;
- Equality, honesty and community are key;

Worship

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

The Five Ks

Kesh: Sikhs leave hair uncut to show obedience to God.

Kangha: A wooden comb that helps Sikhs to keep their hair in place.

Kara: A steel bangle that reminds Sikhs to behave well.

Kachera: These are shorts worn as underwear.

Kirpan: A tiny sword worn by Sikhs.