

RE Knowledge Organiser for Year 5/6

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.