

What I should already know

- ◆ There are many different religions practised in Britain today
- ◆ Religious people live their lives in certain ways because of their religious beliefs

RE Skills and Enquiry

- ◆ Make connections between the key functions of a religious building and the beliefs of the religious community.
- ◆ Describe the forms of guidance religious people use and compare them to the forms of guidance I have experienced.
- ◆ Describe what happens in ceremonies of commitment and say what these rituals mean.
- ◆ Consider the challenges of belonging to a religious community in Britain today
- ◆ Consider similarities and differences between beliefs and behaviour in different faith.
- ◆ Express my own understanding of what a religious figure would do in relation to a moral dilemma from the world today.

Sikhism in Britain:
What is important to a Sikh in Britain today?



Key Vocabulary

- ◆ Amrit: a mixture of sugar and water used at Sikh ceremonies.
- ◆ Baisakhi: festival which celebrates the new year and the founding of the Khalsa.
- ◆ Five Ks: Five physical symbols of faith worn by Sikhs.
- ◆ Gurdwara: Place of worship for Sikhs.
- ◆ Guru: Teacher and leader within Sikhism
- ◆ Guru Granth Sahib: Final Guru and holy book for Sikhs.
- ◆ Guru Nanak: Founder of Sikhism.
- ◆ Langar: communal dining in the Gurdwara.
- ◆ Khanda: the emblem of Sikhism.
- ◆ Khalsa: a special group of Sikhs.

What I Am Going to Learn:

- ◆ The origin of Sikhism and its first leader.
- ◆ How subsequent leaders were chosen and what part they played in the development of Sikhism.
- ◆ The features of Amrit—the Sikh initiation ceremony and the significance of the 5 K's.
- ◆ The importance of the *Guru Granth Sahib* and how it is treated by Sikhs today.
- ◆ The features and role of the Gurdwara within Sikhism.
- ◆ Explore the meaning and symbolism behind the Khanda.

By the end of this unit I Should Know:

- ◆ How Sikhism started and who were its leaders.
- ◆ How Sikhs are led today within their faith and the importance of the *Guru Granth Sahib*.
- ◆ How people become part of Sikhism.
- ◆ The role of the Gurdwara within Sikhism.
- ◆ What the 5K's are and their meaning.
- ◆ Sikhs believe we are all special and gifts from the One Creator (*Waheguru*) and believe everyone is treated equally regardless of gender, religion and nationalities.