RE Knowledge Organiser

Sikhism

What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britian today?

This is the first introduction to Sikhism. The children will be introduced to the Sikh religion in a clear and straightforward way, taking account of the history, current practice and beliefs of the Sikhs in Britain today. It will enable pupils to learn from some Sikh stories, ideas and concepts and to develop their own perspectives on the Sikh religion. We particularly focus on beliefs and ways of living.

Knowledge Building Blocks – I will be able to:

- Identify some of the core beliefs of Sikhism, eg one God, the message of Guru Nanak, equality and service.
- Make clear links between the Mool Mantar and Sikh beliefs and actions.
- Offer informed suggestions about what some of the teachings of the Gurus mean to Sikhs today.
- Make simple links between the life of at least one of the Gurus and some actions Sikh's take today, eg Guru Nank and the langar, Guru Gobind Singh and the Khalsa.
- Give some examples that demonstrate that remembering God, working hard and serving others are important to Sikhs today.
- Raise questions about what matters to Sikhs eg, equality, service, honest work, and say why they still matter today.
- Make links between key Sikh values and life in the world today, identifying which values would make most difference in pupils' own lives and in the world today.
- Talk about what they have learned and whether they have changed their thinking.

Key Vocabulary and Definitions:	
Mool Mantar	Statement of belief – the first hymn composed by Guru Nanak.
Waheguru	One of the Sikh terms for "God".
Ik Onkar	Symbol of God – there is only one God.
Khanda	Sikh symbol • A double-edged sword – Khanda (centre) • Chakkar (chakram) • Two single-edged swords (kirpan) crossed at the bottom. 
Sewa	Service
Guru Granth Sahib	Holy book
Guru Nanak	First of 10 Gurus
Gurdwara	Place of worship
Langar	Free community kitchen at the Gurdwara.
Kalsa	Once baptised the Sikh will join the Kalsa and will wear the 5 K's • Kesh – uncut hair. • Kara – a steel bracelet. • Kanga – wooden comb. • Kachera – cotton underwear. • Kirpan – steel sword. 
Nam Simran	Meditation/recitation on the Name of God.
Kirt karo	Work hard to earn an honest day's living.
Van de chakko	Share one's food and earnings with the less fortunate.