

Dog Kennel Hill Primary School - RE Knowledge Organiser

Big Question: How are symbols and saying important in religion?

Year: 3

Topic: What do Sikh symbols and sayings tell us about Sikh beliefs?

What will I know by the end of the unit?

What symbols are important in our lives?	<p>Explain what the Khanda symbol means to a Sikh person.</p> <p>Thoughtfully choose their own symbol and explain what is important about it.</p>
Why do Sikh people wear symbols? (this lesson could last for 2 or 3 sessions)	<p>I can talk about Sikh symbols and give reasons why they are important.</p> <p>I can talk about important Sikh symbols and compare my ideas about them with others.</p>
What is the most important symbol for Sikh people?	<p>I can explain the meaning of a Sikh symbol.</p> <p>I can describe two or more Sikh symbols and explain why they are important.</p> <p>I can link Sikh symbols and why they are worn.</p>
What Sikh sayings are important about what God is like?	<p>I can describe what a believer might learn from Sikh sayings.</p> <p>I can link different viewpoints together to explain a religious idea or teaching.</p>
What are my most important sayings in life?	<p>I can use the guidance offered in the Guru Granth Sahib and apply it to situations today for Sikh people and my own life.</p>

Vocabulary

Khanda	Is the Sikh symbol. It is made up of three weapons traditionally found in India 500 years ago.
Nishan Sahib	Is the orange and black flag that flies outside all Gurdwara's. It always has the Khanda on it.
Kesh	Is uncut hair – so for all baptised Sikh men and women they cannot cut their hair anymore. It is a symbol of detachment from worldly fashions.
Kangha	Is a wooden comb used to keep uncut hair in good order and clean. It shows that detachment from the world always needs to be balanced with social responsibility.
Kara	Is a steel bangle worn on the right wrist. It symbolises that God is with you, he has no beginning and no end, and you should always be aware of his presence and make sure what you do is something that would please him.
Kachera	Kachera are specially designed shorts, worn by baptised Sikhs. It is one of the five Sikh articles of faith called the Five Ks. They show modesty in dress and remind Sikhs to always be modest.
Kirpan	a short sword or knife with a curved blade, worn (sometimes in miniature form) as one of the five distinguishing signs of the Sikh Khalsa.
Guru Granth Sahib	
Hukamnama	These are daily words of wisdom taken from the Guru Granth Sahib to provide guidance and inspiration to Sikhs.

Sikhism symbols



Overview

In this unit pupils will find out about 6 main Sikh symbols and their meaning to Sikh people. They will also find out about the Sikh holy book – the Guru Granth Sahib, and how sayings from this impact the lives of Sikh people today.

Local Context

Invite a Sikh parent/carer, if possible to talk to the classes about the 5K's or visit the Baba Sahib Sikh Temple, 4 Shrewbury Road, East Dulwich SE22