

BRUNSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL



OUR VISION:

Inspiring children to be resilient and aspirational learners,
within a positive and considerate community.

	Subject: RE Term Summer 1 – Sikhism	Year group: Three	Title: Why are the Gurus important to Sikhs?
Lesson	Key Knowledge /objectives	Skills/Key Questions	Vocabulary
1 Shared Human Experience	To know a commitment is an agreement or pledge to do something To understand that sports people show dedication – they are committed to a task or purpose. Sports people are also: <i>committed, show perseverance, determined, resilient, team players etc.</i> Sports people – show a selection the chd will know – and discuss why people like this are often seen as role models. A role model is a person whose behaviour, example, or success is or can be emulated by others, especially by younger people Children look up to their favourite football players. Sports people are overachievers who have incredible discipline and dedication to their craft. These people are the top 0.01% of their sport and have achieved things that most people only aspire to be like. Sports people inspire the world through their achievements and positive mind-set. They influence us by teaching children to cooperate, to be less selfish, and to listen to others. It also gives children a sense of belonging. It helps them make new friends and builds their social circle outside school. An important part of playing in a team is accepting discipline. The commitments we show	What does it mean to make a commitment to something?	Qualities Commitment Pledge Dedication Persevere Determined Resilient Team players Role model Inspire Achieve Society Influence Discipline Belonging Cooperation

	because of the influence of sports people as role models are things such as; practising a sport, working hard to develop a particular talent, caring for the environment, helping others.		
2 Beliefs and Values	To understand a guru is, in Sikhism, a guru is a spiritual teacher - but not like a teacher at school. It is used to refer to people who teach wisdom, often religious teachers and leaders. Learn about the story of Guru Nanak https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twkJ1pc5BvU Guru Nanak is the founder of Sikhism. Sikhism is still based on his teachings and those of the nine Sikh Gurus who followed him. Guru Nanak was born in 1469 in what is now Pakistan. At the age of 30 he mysteriously disappeared for three days. Three days later, Nanak suddenly appeared and remained silent for a whole day. When he spoke, he said that he had been with God and had been told to tell the people how they could also become closer to God. He said that all people were equal in God's eyes, "There is only God's path and I shall follow God's path." Talk about the leadership and characteristics that Guru Nanak displayed that make him a role model for Sikhs. You could diamond rank 9 qualities of a good leader Sikh Beliefs Sikhs believe in one God who guides and protects them. They believe that everyone is equal before God Sikhism stresses the importance of doing good actions rather than merely carrying out rituals Sikhs believe that the way to lead a good life is to: >keep God in heart and mind at all times >live honestly and work hard	• Who was Guru Nanak?	Guru Nanak Teacher Spiritual Leadership Role model Sikh Wrong Right Castes Meditating Leadership Qualities

	>treat everyone equally >be generous to the less fortunate >serve others		
3 Beliefs and Values	To know a guru is a spiritual teacher - but not like a teacher at school. It is used to refer to people who teach wisdom, often religious teachers and leaders. To know that in the Sikh religion, the title of Guru was given to the ten most important leaders and teachers of the faith To understand that Sikh faith has 10 gurus - Legend of the Ten Human Sikh Gurus ○ Guru Nanak Dev Ji - Guru from 1469 to 1539 ○ Guru Angad Dev Ji - Guru from 1539 to 1552 ○ Guru Amar Das Sahib Ji - Guru from 1552 to 1574 ○ Guru Ram Das Sahib Ji - Guru from 1574 to 1581 ○ Guru Arjan Dev Ji - Guru from 1581 to 1606 ○ Guru Har Gobind Sahib Ji - - Guru from 1606 to 1644 ○ Guru Har Rai Sahib Ji - Guru from 1644 to 1661 ○ Guru Har Krishan Sahib Ji - Guru from 1661 to 1664 ○ Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji - Guru from 1665 to 1675 ○ Guru Gobind Singh Sahib Ji - Guru from 1675 to 1708 ○ Guru Granth Sahib Ji - Guru from 1708 to eternity To know that Gurus created and defined Sikhism from one to the next through their words, hymns, writings and actions. By living a spiritually pure life, they taught people in India the importance of equality and the belief that all religions worship the same one true God According to Sikh beliefs, all the Gurus contained the same light or soul and their physical body was a vessel for containing the same essence. When one Guru passed, the	• What is the role of the Guru's in the Sikh religion?	Guru Sikh Religion Teacher Faith Legend Spiritual Light Essence Soul Vessel Equal

	successor inherited this light and that is why the Gurus are also referred to as <u>mahalla</u> (house). The Gurus taught that there is only one God, who has made the universe and is present in everything. All people are God's children and should be treated equally. After the death of Guru Nanak, a series of gurus led the community. The tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, named his successor as the Guru Granth Sahib – the Sikh sacred scripture.		
4 Living Religious Traditions	To know the Granth Sahib is the Sikh Scripture. It is a collection of teachings and writings by Guru Nanak and other Gurus as well as Sikh, Hindu and Muslim saints To know a VIP is a Very Important Person. To understand that the Guru Granth Sahib is treated as a living person and has its own room in the gurdwara. The person who looks after the Guru Granth Sahib is the granthi and he may lead the morning and evening services. However, any Sikh, male or female, who is able to do so, can lead public worship. Sikhs are committed to treating it with the greatest respect. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2LbTwwGsAY Sikhs are committed to equality – this was demonstrated through the life of Guru Nanak and the example of Guru Gobind Singh. The Guru Granth Sahib is not just a book to Sikhs; it is treated as a living Guru. There is a special devotion, called Akhand Path, which involves reading all of the scriptures aloud and takes about two days. This is something that Sikhs do as a special act of worship. The greatest respect for the teachings is living a life inspired by the wisdom of the Gurus. This matters most to Sikhs.	• What is the Guru Granth Sahib?	Guru Granth Sahib Scripture Commitment Gurdwara Granthi Respect Devotion Reading Worship Teachings Wisdom Mool Mantar Japji Sahib

	The Guru Granth contains 1430 pages. Some of the holy book is composed to ragas, which are melodies from classical Indian music. It contains 5,867 shabads (sacred hymns) It contains the teachings of six of the ten Gurus. The shabads were written by the Gurus are known as Gurbani (word of the Gurus) or Bani It is also unique because it was compiled by the Gurus themselves rather than the followers of the religion. It was the fifth Guru, Guru Arjan, who collected and compiled the first version called the Adi Granth. The tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, finalised the Adi Granth. He declared that it was now a Guru and renamed it the Guru Granth Sahib. The introduction of the Guru Granth Sahib contains sections written by Guru Nanak. These include: The Mool Mantar contains all the important Sikh beliefs. It is the first part of the Bani Japji Sahib. The Mool Mantar is the first part of the Guru Granth Sahib that a Sikh learns. It is said each day by devout Sikhs. The Japji Sahib expands on the Mool Mantar and is itself considered to be the essence of the whole Guru Granth Sahib.		
5 Search for Personal Meaning	To know a commitment is an agreement or pledge to do something To understand that a Sikh person may publicly expresses their commitment to Sikhism and might want to show their commitment in a way that everyone can see - Uncut hair, usually tied and wrapped in a turban. Kanga: A wooden comb, usually worn under a turban to always also keep one's hair clean and well-groomed. Kachera: Cotton undergarments, worn by both sexes. A Sikh person might	• What are my commitments?	Commitments Value Faith Respectful

	need to have a strong faith and be quite brave to show their commitments in this way – and the importance of other people in society being respectful of this. To understand what their own commitments and values are.		
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