

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser

Year 2

Summer (i)

What values does the langar reflect?

Substantive Knowledge – Sikh's worship in a gurdwara; a gurdwara welcomes people from all faiths; it has a shrine for offerings; there will always be an orange flag flying outside a gurdwara.

The Gurdwara

The gurdwara is a Sikh place of worship.
It welcomes people from all faiths.



Gurdwara



The gurdwara always has a kitchen to offer food.
No-one is turned away.

This is called a langar, a community kitchen

A Langar

Inside, the prayer hall is brightly painted and has a golden shrine for offerings.



Sikh Flag

The colour orange is symbolic for Sikhs as it symbolises purity.

Gurdwaras are all around the world.

They may look different in different countries but there will always be an orange flag flying outside.



Prayer Hall

The rules Sikhs follow

- When entering the gurdwara, people take off their shoes, wash their hands and cover their heads.
- In the diwan hall, everyone sits on the floor to show respect to the Guru Granth Sahib.
- After the service, Karah Parshad (a sweet vegetarian food that has been blessed) is shared with everyone. It reminds Sikhs that everybody is equal.

Worship

Sikhs worship God and only God.

Unlike members of many other religions they worship God in his true abstract form, and don't use images or statues to help them.

Sikh worship can be public or private.

Private Worship

Sikhs can pray at any time and any place.

Sikh aims to get up early, bathe, and then start the day by meditating on God.

Sikhs regard prayer as a way of spending time in company with God.



Public Worship

Although Sikhs can worship on their own, they see congregational worship as having its own special merits.

Congregational Sikh worship takes place in a Gurdwara.

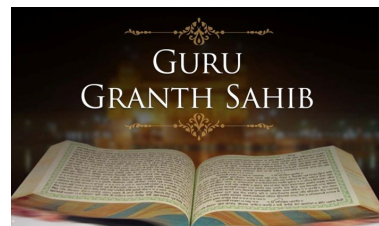
Guru Granth Sahib (the Sikh holy scripture)



Any building which holds a copy Guru Granth Sahib is known as a gurdwara.

The Guru Granth Sahib is highly revered (respected).

It is placed on a raised platform called the manji sahib under a canopy in the divan hall.



It always sits higher than the congregation as a symbol of respect.

Portable Knowledge – What we need to remember

The gurdwara is a Sikh place of worship.

It welcomes people from all faiths and always has a kitchen to offer food.

A gurdwara has an orange flag outside and a shrine for offerings.

Core Vocabulary

Gurdwara – a Sikh place of worship.

Reverence – a deep respect for someone or something.

Scripture – writing considered sacred or authoritative.