

RE

Sikhism – The birthday of Guru Nanak

Year 2

Autumn 2

## Key Knowledge

### Learning about religion

Sikhism was founded by a wise man called **Guru Nanak**. Guru Nanak is considered the first Sikh Guru. Sikhism is still based on his teachings and those of the nine Sikh Gurus who followed him.

Guru Nanak Gurburab is a festival celebrating Guru Nanak's **birthday**! On this day, Sikhs remember the main teachings of Guru Nanak.

Guru Nanak taught about honouring God, sharing wealth and being kind to all others.

### Learning from religion

All different people, animals, plants and other living things share the world with each other. We all rely on each other to survive.

As humans, we have a responsibility to be kind to humans, animals and nature to maintain a healthy balance in the world.

## Key images



## Enfield SACRE Statutory requirements

- Explore some stories about Guru Nanak's early life and how these teach Sikhs how to live good lives, e.g. thinking about and praying to God, helping others.
- Explore how, in celebrating Guru Nanak's birthday as a community, Sikhs are reminded of his teachings, e.g. about treating everyone as sisters and brothers.
- Explore the meaning of some Sikh symbols which might be seen on a visit to the gurdwara on the birthday of Guru Nanak, e.g. turban.

## Prior learning

- In EYFS children will have had some experiences of different religions and festivals celebrated within the community.

## Key vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
Sikh	A person who follows Sikhism
Guru	A spiritual teacher
Guru Nanak	The founder of Sikhism
Kindness	Being friendly, generous, and considerate
Special	Something that is better, greater, or different from what is usual
Characteristics	A feature or quality belonging typically to a person, place, or thing
Family	Two or more people who are connected to each other.
Creator	Someone that makes or produces something.

## Possible experiences

Invite parents in to discuss their traditions and experiences of Sikh celebrations.

Consider ways we can be generous to others and treat them like brothers and sisters.

Create a list of things they would like to teach the world.

## Possible deeper thinking questions

Should humans always respect other living things?

What would happen to the world if there was no respect?

Why are certain people chosen for important jobs?