



Pinner Wood School



Year Group	6	Term	Spring 2	Subject	RE	Topic	<u>Sikhism</u>
						Key Question	<u>Sikhism</u> What is the truth about the Baisakhi story?
Prior Learning and other Curriculum Links	<p>Reception <u>Baha'I and Sikhism</u> How can we help other people? (Ourselves - jobs/people who help us)</p> <p>Year 1 <u>Sikhism</u> What makes faith buildings special?</p> <p>Year 5 <u>Sikhism</u> How did the teachings of Guru Nanak influence the teachings of Guru Gobind Singh?</p>				Target Tracker statements (Skills)	<p>C Forms of expressing meaning: I can use correct religious and philosophical vocabulary in explaining what the significance of different forms of religious, spiritual and moral expression might be for believers.</p> <p>E Meaning, purpose and truth: I can use reasoning and examples to express insights into my own and others' views on questions about the meaning and purpose of life and the search for truth.</p>	
Fundamentals	<p>Investigation of religions and worldviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ask important questions about social issues and suggest what might happen depending on different moral choices; provide good reasons for the views they have and the connections they make. 				Key Facts/Sticky Knowledge	<p><u>Sikhism</u> What is Vaisakhi? Vaisakhi is also known as Baisakhi and is the time of the year when people of the Sikh religion bring in their New Year. Vaisakhi began in 1699, which is when Sikhism was formed as a faith. It's the most important date in the Sikh calendar of celebration and is celebrated on April 13th or 14th in the Gregorian calendar. Vaisakhi is a spring harvest festival, which marks the start of the harvest and commemorates Guru</p>	

Gobind Singh, who was one of the original Sikh Gurus. Guru Gobind Singh took his place as a leader within Sikhism at the age of nine. Vaisakhi is also a celebration of family and solidarity.

Why is Vaisakhi important?

Vaisakhi is a key festival that is mainly celebrated in Punjab, which is an area in northern India. Originally, Vaisakhi celebrated the harvest. It then became part of the celebrations by Guru Gobind Singh of the new Panj Pyare, translated as 'The beloved ones'.

These five men were baptised during Vaisakhi celebrations and were known as the brave citizens who sacrificed themselves for their faith.

The story of the Panj Pyare is extremely important in Sikhism today and the men are remembered each year during Vaisakhi festivities.

How is Vaisakhi celebrated?

Sikhs worldwide celebrate Vaisakhi, although the celebrations are still most prevalent in Punjab. During the festivities people decorate their homes and places of worship with traditional brightly coloured garlands and flowers.

They also wear very brightly coloured clothes.

The most important part of the celebrations during the festival is to visit the Gurdwara, which is the special place of worship.

Many Sikh communities will parade to the Gurdwara while singing hymns and giving thanks to the Sikh Gurus and the Panj Pyare.

Sikh families will visit each other's homes to spend time with family members that they rarely see.

			<p>During the festival they will take time to call family members who may live far away or in different countries and some families try to visit India during the festivities.</p> <p>As part of these visits food is often served and shared. Eating a traditional feast together is an important part of the festival and these special meals can begin on the week running up to Vaisakhi.</p>
Our Curriculum Journey	<p>Journey: The focus for our unit of work on Sikhism is to consider what the truth is about the Vaisakhi story. The children will begin by learning what Vaisakhi is by learning the story and key facts. They will learn the history of Vaisakhi and answer questions about their learning. Following on from that there is a focus on the Khalsa and why it is important to Sikhs. This leads on to what the 5 K's are and the important reasons behind them. The culmination of their learning journey will be understanding how Sikhs celebrate Vaisakhi and what this festival looks like in London.</p>		
Key Vocabulary (revisited)		Key Vocabulary (new)	<p>Guru Gobind Singh Vaisakhi 1699 Panje piari Celebration Freedom of worship Holy water, Amrit Voluntary Tent Harvest Baptised Gurdwara Sikh New Year</p>