

RE Knowledge Organiser

Southwold Primary School



Topic: Does joining the Khalsa make a better Sikh?

Year 3 Autumn

Sikhism

What should I already know?

- Importance of the 10 Gurus.
- Celebration of Baisakhi festival.
- Worship in the Gurdwara.
- Community care via the Gurdwara.

Impact on believer / daily life

- **Moral code**—living life in a positive, helpful way.
- **5 Ks** – Physical sign of commitment. Being visible as a Sikh is a sign of commitment.
- Personal choice as to when to join the Khalsa.

Vocabulary

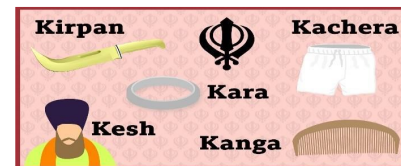
Belong	To be a member of a particular group.
Ceremony	A formal religious or public occasion, especially one celebrating a particular
Promise	A statement or assurance that one will do something or that a particular
Symbolism	The use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities.
Guru	Teacher' or 'leader.'
Commitment	Willingness to give your time and energy to a job, activity.
Khalsa	Piure
Guru Gobind Singh	The last of the 10 Gurus.
Guru Granth Sahib	The holy scriptures of Sikhism.

What will I know by the end of this unit?

Some Sikhs choose to take part in a joining ceremony as part of their religion -the Amrit Ceremony.

- Sikhs who have completed the sacred Amrit Ceremony are called *Khalsas*.
- The Amrit Ceremony is part of a Sikh's own personal spiritual development.
- They take part in the ceremony when they believe they are ready to live up to the high expectations of Guru Gobind Singh.
- All Sikhs are expected to become members of the Khalsa at some stage in their life.
- Through making these promises, it shows Sikhs have made a commitment to God.
- The 5Ks serve as a physical reminder of the promises they have made and helps Sikhs keep them.
- They are physical signs to themselves, others and the world that they are a member of the Khalsa.
- They are an outward symbol of an inner commitment.

Amrit ceremony



Links with other religions

- **Bar/Bat Mitzvah** (Judaism) - After these ceremonies, Jewish boys or girls become responsible for living according to Jewish Law.
- **Baptism** (Christianity) - Baptism marks the start of Christian life. Some Christians believe that baptism makes someone a member of God's family.