## BILSTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY



| Subject | Topic/Key Question       | Year Group | Term     | Time Allocation |
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| RE      | Beginning to learn about | 1          | Summer I | 6 hours         |
| SACRE   | Sikhism                  |            |          |                 |
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| Lesson   | Time       | Key Question/WALT                            | Teaching Activities   | Resources      |
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| Sequence | Allocation |  | BBC Two - My Life, My Religion, Sikhism, What is Sikhism  |                |
| Lesson I | l hour     | What objects are<br>special for Sikh people? | The 5 Ks  | Abbey the owl. |
|          |            | special jur sikri people!                    | BBC Two - My Life, My Religion, Sikhism, The Five Ks  | 5 Ks matching  |
|          |            |  | Use either artefacts of photographs for this lesson. Artefacts are worth displaying carefully and with a sense of occasion. You might use a feely bag to generate curiosity for those artefacts that are appropriate to be placed inside. | activities.    |
|          |            |  | Key questions   |                |
|          |            |  | What symbols do Sikhs use and wear?   |                |
|          |            |  | What do they mean?  |                |
|          |            |  | What is the lk Onkar and the Khanda?  |                |
|          |            |  | Where do you find these symbols?  |                |
|          |            |  | What are the 5Ks, and why do some Sikhs wear them?  |                |
|          |            |  | Examples of how to do this include:   |                |



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|          |        |                                  | Look at a Kara, the wrist bracelet made of steel worn by Sikhs. It<br>symbolises the unending one-ness of God, and the strength or firmness<br>of belief in God  |                |
|          |        |                                  | Observe an lk Onkar being slowly removed from a wrapping. Discuss its<br>physical attributes and consider what it might be. Some should be able to<br>relate that they have seen it in the community.  |                |
|          |        |                                  | Discuss how reflecting on God during the day reminds Sikhs of how<br>they should act in order to acquire 'godly' characteristics e.g. being<br>charitable, loving, treating others fairly.   |                |
|          |        |                                  | Explore what the Khanda, the Sikh Symbol means, and look at the kind of flags that display the Khanda at the Gurdwara.   |                |
|          |        |                                  | A Introduce pupils more thoroughly to the 5Ks worn by Khalsa Sikhs:  |                |
|          |        |                                  | Kesh (uncut hair),   |                |
|          |        |                                  | Kangha (comb),   |                |
|          |        |                                  | Kara (a steel wrist band),   |                |
|          |        |                                  | Kachera (short trousers), Kirpan (sword)   |                |
|          |        |                                  | ♣ Discuss with pupils which symbols they wear and use, and what<br>symbols they are aware of in the community. These might be religious<br>symbols, school badges, football emblems, Rainbow/Beaver badges etc.<br>What do these symbols mean? Why are they important? How could they<br>be respected? |                |
|          |        |                                  | What symbol can children invent to show their own identity and belonging?  |                |
| Lesson 2 | l hour | What stories do                  | What stories of Guru Nanak and the other Gurus are told by Sikhs?  | Abbey the owl. |
|          |        | Sikh people love to<br>remember? | What are the stories really about?   | PPT            |
|          |        |                                  |  | Mind map       |

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|          |        |                          | Who is Guru Nanak?  |                 |
|          |        |                          | What do the children already know ?   |                 |
|          |        |                          | Guru Nanak Teach pupils about Guru Nanak (founder of Sikhism),<br>the first Guru, finding out about his upbringing, and hearing some<br>stories from his early life. Tell the story of his call, when he<br>disappeared for 3 days whilst bathing. Discuss what pupils think<br>happened to him. Tell pupils about his journey and his teaching about<br>God.   |                 |
|          |        |                          | Use PPT to tell the story of Guru Nanak.  |                 |
|          |        |                          | Task- whilst telling the story with the PPT children can complete the mind map.   |                 |
| Lesson 3 | l hour | What stories do Sikh     | Who is Guru Har Gobind?   | Abbey the owl.  |
|          |        | people love to remember? | What do the children already know?  | PPT Sikh Diwali |
|          |        |                          | Predict- will he be like Guru Nanak? Same or different?   | Sequencing      |
|          |        |                          | Guru Har Gobind (the sixth Guru) Guru Har Gobind is remembered at<br>the Sikh Festival of Divali for helping to have prisoners released. Teach<br>pupils this story: Guru Har Gobind was in jail, and the king gave him<br>release. He petitioned for the release of other prisoners, and the king<br>promised that he could take free with him all those who held his cloak.<br>All night long they stitched a huge cloak, so that the whole prison could<br>hold on. The next morning the Guru led all the prisoners to freedom.<br>Draw simple values like serving others and being kind from the stories<br>you choose. Ask pupils to give the stories new titles that include values<br>words. | pictures.       |
|          |        |                          | Ensure children understand that Diwali is celebrated by Hindus- but story is different  |                 |
|          |        |                          | Can children identify the values in Sikhi that are the same as our<br>Christian values?   |                 |

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|          |        |  | Sequence and write a simple sentence to match with each image,   |                |
| Lesson 4 | l hour | What is the meaning<br>of the story of Dunni<br>Chand? | . <u>Religious Studies KS1: Sikh stories - BBC Teach</u><br>The story: Guru Nanak was a travelling teacher. He visited Lahore,<br>where there lived a banker called Dunni Chand, well known for being<br>greedy. His beautiful palace shone with gold, marble and precious jewels.<br>Dunni Chand learnt that Guru Nanak was visiting. He rushed to invite<br>the Guru to a special feast: it would make him look very important to<br>have a famous guest. Guru Nanak accepted the invitation. It was a<br>wonderful occasion. When everyone had finished, Dunni Chand turned   | Abbey the owl. |
|          |        |  | to Guru Nanak: 'I am a wealthy man, I can help you. What do you<br>want me to do?' Guru Nanak sat and thought. Fumbling in his pocket,<br>he drew out a tiny sewing needle. "Something you can do for me,' he<br>replied, holding up the needle. 'I want you to keep this needle very safe<br>and give it back when we meet in the next world.' Dunni Chand felt<br>very important. The Guru had given him a very special task. He took<br>the needle and showed it to his wife, explaining what the Guru had told<br>him. To his surprise, she burst into laughter. 'How are you going to do<br>that?' she asked. He thought and thought, then ran back to the Guru<br>asking "How can I take this needle with me when I die?" "If you cannot |                |
|          |        |  | take a tiny needle with you when you die, how are you going to take all<br>your riches?" asked the Guru. For the first time in his life Dunni<br>Chand felt ashamed. He realised he had been greedy. He and his wife<br>decided to use their wealth to help the poor.  |                |
|          |        |  | Discuss how Dunni Chand changed after meeting the Guru.  |                |
|          |        |  | Complete a before and after activity.  |                |
|          |        |  | Link to our value of generosity- can the children write 5 things that<br>Dunni Chand can do to share his wealth?   |                |
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| Lesson 5 | l hour | Why is there a kitchen<br>in a Gurdwara? | . At the Gurdwara, why is there a kitchen? Share PPT  | Abbey the owl. |
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|          |        | in a Gurawara:                           | BBC Two - My Life, My Religion, Sikhism, The Gurdwara   | Use PPT -      |
|          |        |  | <ul> <li>Use photographs or video clips to teach pupils about the Guru Granth Sahib, the sacred writings of the Sikhs. The Guru Granth Sahib is treated as a living Guru. A 'gurdwara' is the 'Guru's house.'</li> <li>Ask pupils: How is the Guru Granth Sahib treated? What do you think it means to Sikhs? How do Sikhs worship in the Gurdwara? Why does a Gurdwara need a kitchen?</li> </ul>                                  | Gurdwara       |
|          |        |  | Ask pupils what is essential to a holy building. They may know about mosques, churches or mandirs. None of these buildings has to have a kitchen, but every Gurdwara needs a langar. Why?   |                |
|          |        |  | ♣ Explore what happens in the langar: anyone can eat free meals<br>there. What Sikh values does the langar represent? Talk about being<br>generous and being treated generously with the pupils. What examples of<br>generous behaviour have they seen in the films, real life or Sikh stories?<br>Talk about being equal in the langar.  |                |
|          |        |  | Ask some pupils to make a lego or playmobil model of a langar and get all pupils to make a figure to sit down in the kitchen together. Are we good at sharing and being generous? A dilemma about sweets  |                |
|          |        |  | ♣ Try this: give two pupils a bag of `safe in school' sweets. Emphasise that the sweets are theirs to do what they want to with. Ask the rest of the class in small groups to decide what should happen to the sweets.  |                |
|          |        |  | ♣ Take feedback – pupils should give all the reasons they can think of<br>(can they think of 4 or 5?). Do pupils think their group should have the<br>sweets? Do they think everyone should share the sweets equally? Do they<br>think the two pupils who have been given the sweets should keep them? Do<br>they have another solution? After listening to the feedback, the two with<br>the sweets say what they are going to do. |                |

|          |      |  | ♣ Ask the class what advice the Sikh faith would give about the sweets.<br>Talk about why the guru might say that sharing equally is the best<br>thing to do. Ask pupils to remind you how Sikhs show generosity and<br>equality in the langar – they are showing important values here through<br>their actions. Discuss with the class times when they show their values<br>through how they lead their lives Task -Why is there a kitchen in a Gurdwara?   |  |
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|          |      |  | Children write about what happens in the langar and why this is important to Sikhs.   |  |
|          |      |  | Local Gurdwara delivered fresh fruit weekly to our school during the pandemic-used to add to food parcels that we distributed to families in need.  |  |
| Lesson 6 | hour | What values do Sikhs<br>consider more important<br>than money? | <ul> <li>What is special about Sikh values and ways of life?</li> <li><u>BBC Two - My Life, My Religion, Sikhism, What is Sikhism</u></li> <li><u>BBC Two - My Life, My Religion, Sikhism</u></li> <li>Use the clips and PPT</li> <li>Remind pupils about Sikh values of sharing (vand chhakna) and</li> </ul>  |  |
|          |      |  | service <b>(sewa</b> ) to others, represented by the langar (kitchen attached to<br>the Gurdwara, serving free food to anyone who comes). Consider its<br>importance for Sikhs. What does it mean to eat together?  |  |
|          |      |  | <ul> <li>Explore other Sikh values such as acceptance of God's will (hukam).</li> <li>Explore what values pupils have, why they hold them, and how they manifest them in their own lifestyles. This can be done very simply to start off with by sitting the pupils in a circle and the teacher in the middle. The teacher can have large flashcards with 3 values on laid out in a horizontal line (the flashcards can have text or pictures on to show the values). Ask the pupils to choose the most important value of</li> </ul> |  |

|          |        |                                     | the three – they can place this flashcard above the other 2 to show the<br>importance of this value (if a general consensus cannot be reached,<br>different children can take it in turns to move their most important<br>value to the top). After discussing how the most important value(s)<br>makes a difference to pupils' actions and lives, this activity can be<br>repeated using 3 different values.   |
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|          |        |                                     | Ask pupils to make a page of values, with two sides to it. On one<br>side, the words that Sikhs value, and that they value. On the other side,<br>the opposites to all these words. They can illustrate the words – perhaps<br>copied from a word bank – with cartoons, showing what happens when<br>people behave like this. Which side of the page leads to more happiness?<br>Why? Share the work in circle time  |
| Lesson 7 | l hour | What have we learnt<br>about Sikhs? | Learning from Sikhs: what have we noticed?<br>At the end of the unit, make a table of objects as reminders to<br>pupils. Put out the artefacts, the work done, some sweets, a lego model<br>of a kitchen for all. Have a 'remembering' conversation: What can be<br>learned from the Sikhs? How does it relate to pupils' own ways of life?<br>How are pupils developing their own understanding of beliefs and<br>religion?   |
|          |        |                                     | ♣ Give children an image to cut out: they might choose open hands, or<br>an outline of the kara bracelet, or an outline of the world or some<br>other image for sharing. On the front, ask them to write or draw 3<br>very important things they know and would like to say about Sikhism<br>now they are at the end of their work about this religion. On the back,<br>ask them to draw the most generous person they know, and tell the class<br>about their picture. As children are cutting the image and using both<br>sides of it, card may be a better option for this activity than paper. |