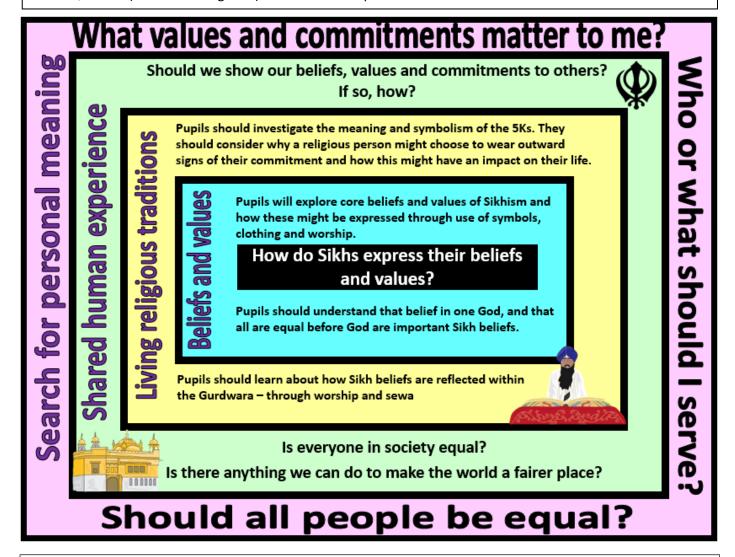


Year 4 Sikh Dharam

Year 4 Key Question (to be used all year): How should we live our lives?

Focus Question (for this investigation): How do Sikhs express their beliefs and values?



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This unit gives pupils the opportunity to explore how Sikhs convey their beliefs and commitments in the way they live their lives and through symbols which are observable expressions of faith. In their preaching and example, the Gurus revealed a way of life which was God centred. It is a life of religious, moral and social commitment. In outward and visible signs, Sikhs show themselves to be committed to following the teachings of the Gurus. Sikhs are expected to demonstrate their commitment to their beliefs in the way they live their daily lives. Sikh belief perceives the world as the abode of God and as the place in which to practice Sikh dharam (religious, moral and social commitment). Sikhism teaches that all human beings should engage themselves in righteous actions and behaviour and work for a just social order.

Foremost amongst Sikh principles are:

- the complete equality of men and women everywhere;
- sewa: service to God, to the community of Sikhs and to the community at large;
- kirat karna: earning one's living by one's own efforts and by a livelihood which is honest;
- vand chakna: sharing one's time, talents and earnings with the less fortunate.

How these influence the Sikh way of life will be explored within this unit.

Pupils should also have opportunities to reflect on important questions such as how humans show commitments to their values and communities, and issues of equality and justice.



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Field of	Possible Teaching Ideas			
Enquiry				
Shared	Discuss the different ways that people might show their beliefs, values and commitments in			
Human	public.			
Experience	 Look at images of people wearing various uniforms and discuss how wearing that uniform 			
	might impact a person's sense of identity and purpose. How might it also influence			
1	behaviour (consider the impact of being seen as a representative of a community rather than just as an individual)			
	Re-cap the origins of Sikhism. Pupils should know who Guru Nanak was and why he is			
Beliefs	important to Sikhs. Watch the story of the blood and milk			
and	https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/blood-and-milk			
Values	and identify the Sikh beliefs and values that are demonstrated by the story. Discuss why			
	belief in one creator God might lead people to want to treat all people as equals.			
2	 Look at the Sikh symbol (the Khanda) and explain how it reflects Sikh beliefs and values in 			
	one eternal God and standing up for justice http://religious-symbols.net/sikh-symbols.html			
Living	 Investigate the symbolism of the 5Ks that are worn by members of the Sikh Khalsa 			
Religious	https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/z3sb9j6			
Traditions	Learn about the Gurdwara https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/zd4wmp3			
	https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/charlie-and-blue-go-gurdwara			
3	Make links with what happens in the Gurdwara and the Sikh values of equality			
	 Learn about the Langar and why sharing food is an important part of Sikh hospitality and 			
	service (sewa). Explain that this concept extends out into the wider community and that			
	many Gurdwaras are involved in projects to feed the homeless, support food banks and			
	provide aid to those in need.			
	https://www.blogpreston.co.uk/2018/10/preston-sikh-community-to-feed-city-at-the-			
	markets/			
	https://www.khalsaaid.org/			
	You could organise a visit to a Gurdwara or invite in a Sikh to talk to the class.			
	Discuss the personal beliefs, values and commitments that they might want to express – and			
Search for	appropriate ways of doing this.			
Personal	 Talk about the importance of seeing value in all people and how believing that all people are 			
Meaning	equal would have an impact on a person's behaviour. Are the Sikh values of equality and			
	justice good values to live your life by – should we be committed to these as human values?			
4	 You could read 'Have you filled a bucket today' and discuss how small daily acts of kindness 			
	might be seen as a service to others. Create a class list of actions that could be done to fill			
	the buckets of others.			
	ine buckets of others.			

Y4 Learning - children will:				
* explore teachings and	* use subject specific	* discuss (with relevant	* reflect on their own	
stories from Sikhism	language to describe how	examples) the importance of	concept of living a good life	
* describe what moral	and why Sikhs show their	how we view and behave	and how this influences the	
guidance Sikhs might gain	religious commitments and	towards others	way that they treat others	
from the stories and	values	* talk about how our	* discuss own thoughts and	
examples of the Gurus	* explain how clothing and	outward behaviour reflects	feelings about equality and	
* make links between the	behaviour might be symbolic	our inner beliefs, values and	justice	
beliefs, values and practices	of beliefs, values and	commitments		
of Sikhism	commitments			
Beliefs and values	Living religious traditions	Shared human experience	Search for personal meaning	