

River Bank Primary Knowledge Organiser	Year 3	Spring 1	Sikhism (communities and tradition)
Key Vocabulary		Important Facts	
<p><b>Guru Granth Sahib</b>- Sikh holy book</p> <p><b>Guru</b>- is not a person but the book of Sikh scriptures called the Guru Granth Sahib.</p> <p><b>Mool Mantar</b>- means 'basic teaching' and is found at the beginning of every section of the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh Scriptures). It is repeated each day during early morning prayer. The first words of the Mool Mantar are 'Ik Onkar' meaning 'there is one God.</p> <p><b>Waheguru</b>- the wonderful Lord (Mool Mantar)</p> <p><b>Sewa</b>- the idea of service. Humans show equality and dignity.</p> <p><b>Khalsa</b>- In Punjabi, Khala means "the pure". It refers to both a special group of initiated Sikh warriors, as well as a community that considers Sikhism as its faith.</p> <p><b>Five Ks</b>- Sikhs who dedicated themselves to a life of devotion and submission to the Guru followed the five Ks, Kesh, Kara, Kanga, Kaccha and Kirpan.</p> <p><b>Caste system</b>- The caste system originated from Hinduism. This divides Hindus into four main categories - Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vaishyas and the Shudras. Guru Nanak denounced the caste system.</p>	<p><b>Sikhs</b> believe in one God and that he is present everywhere. The <b>Mool Mantar</b> is a key text that describes God as 'Waheguru', the wonderful Lord. Sikhs follow the teachings of <b>Guru Nanak</b>. Guru Nanak taught his followers that there is only one God, and that all human beings can have direct access to God with no need of rituals or priests. Guru Nanak denounced the <b>caste system</b> and taught that everyone is equal, regardless of caste or gender.</p> <p><u>Sikhs believe that the way to lead a good life is to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-keep God in heart and mind at all times</li> <li>-live honestly and work hard</li> <li>-treat everyone equally</li> <li>-be generous to the less fortunate</li> <li>-serve others</li> </ul> <p>There are over half a million Sikhs in the UK and there are over 120 Gurdwaras, including three in Bedfordshire.</p> <p><b>Gurdwara</b> is a special place of worship for Sikhs. It's a place to learn spiritual wisdom It's a place for religious ceremonies It's a place where children learn the Sikh faith, ethics, customs, traditions and texts It is a community centre that offers food, shelter, and companionship to those who need it. Gurdwaras are managed by a committee of their community.</p> <p>The <b>Guru Granth Sahib</b> for Sikhs is a book that Sikhs consider a living Guru. The community of men and women who have been initiated into the Sikh faith is the <b>Khalsa</b>.</p> <p><b>Guru Gobind Singh</b> decreed that where Sikhs could not find answers in the Guru Granth Sahib, they should decide issues as a community based on the principles of their scripture.</p> <p>The <b>5 Ks</b> symbolise that the Sikh who wears them has dedicated themselves to a life of devotion and submission to the Guru. The 5 Ks are 5 physical symbols worn by Sikhs who have been initiated into the Khalsa.</p>	  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>The five Ks are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kesh (uncut hair)</li> <li>Kara (a steel bracelet)</li> <li>Kanga (a wooden comb)</li> <li>Kaccha - also spelt, Kachh, Kachera (cotton underwear)</li> <li>Kirpan (steel sword)</li> </ul> </div>	

Key People and Places	Quiz
<p><b>Guru Nanak-</b> was the founder of Sikhism and the first of the ten Sikh Gurus.</p> <p><b>Sikh-</b> is a follower of the religion Sikhism. Sikh means 'discipline'.</p> <p><b>Gurdwara-</b> Place of worship for Sikhs.</p> <p><b>Guru Gobind Singh-</b> the last living Guru of Sikhism.</p>	<p>1) How many God or Gods do Sikhs believe in? a) three b) five c) one</p> <p>2) What is the Sikhs Holy Book called? a) Bible b) Torah c) Guru Granth Sahib</p> <p>3) What is Sikhs special place of worship called? a) synagogue b) Gurdwara c) Mosque</p> <p>4) The Guru Granth Sahib is considered as.....? a) a living Guru b) book of truth c) Holy book of life</p> <p>5) Men and women who have been initiated into the Sikh faith are declared as.... a) Waheguru b) Khalsa c) Guru</p>
<p><b>Key Dates</b></p> <p><b>Guru Nanak-</b> (29 November 1469 – 22 September 1539)</p> <p>Sikhism was founded in <b>1469</b> by Guru Nanak in the Indian region of Punjab.</p>	<p>6) How many Gurus were there in total? a) three b) ten c) four</p> <p>7) Who was the name of the last Guru? a) Guru Nanak b) Guru Gobind Singh c) Guru Hai Rai</p>
<p><b>Useful websites</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/sikhism/people/nanak.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/sikhism/people/nanak.shtml</a></p>	<p>8) What should Sikhs do if they cannot find the answers in the Guru Granth Sahib? a) google the answer b) speak to the Sikh community c) consult an expert</p> <p>9) The five Ks are, Kesh, Kanga, Kaccha, Kirpan and...? a) Kara b) Kippah c) Kettle</p> <p>10) The Khalsa are physical symbols worn by Sikhs..... True or False?</p>