

Vocabulary	Meaning
Gurdwara	the Sikh place of worship
Guru Granth Sahib	the Sikh holy book
langar	a meal prepared and served at the Gurdwara which is free for everyone
Mool Mantar	the Sikh statement of belief. It contains the key beliefs about Waheguru
kirtan	singing hymns
Waheguru	there is only one God
commitment	a willingness to give your time and energy to a job, activity or something that you believe in
Sewa	selfless service. It involves helping others without any reward or personal gain

Key knowledge – Gurdwara and Guru Granth Sahib

The **main purpose** of **worship** is to **praise the one, true God**. The **Mool Mantar** is recited daily in morning prayer. To show respect in the **Gurdwara**, **Sikhs** wash their hands, cover their heads and remove their shoes before they enter. **Sikhs** often sing **kirtan** because it helps them feel connected to **Waheguru** and focus on **Waheguru**.

The **Guru Granth Sahib** is kept under a canopy in the **Gurdwara** and when it is not used it is covered up. It is also kept in a separate bedroom over night. **Sikhs** take off their shoes in the presence of the **holy scripture** and make sure they never turn their back on them. They also kneel in front of the **Guru Granth Sahib** and touch the floor to show respect. **Sikhs** sit on the floor, so the **Guru Granth Sahib** is higher, to show respect.

Assessment focus – Evaluate

In simple terms children recognise something of the value of the concept in the lives of those living in the tradition studied

Is it important to have a special place?

