

# What happens in the Gurdwara?



## Skills Covered:

- Recognise that any house that houses the Guru Granth Sahib becomes a gurdwara, understanding that there are many types of gurdwara.
- Recognise how the Sikh principle of Sewa is demonstrated in the langar, appreciating that no day is especially holy in Sikhism.
- Appreciate the importance of the gurdwara for Sikh worship and community life.

## STAR Vocabulary

- **Gurdwara** – a Sikh place of worship, 'door of the Guru'
- **Nishan Sahib** – the Sikh flag used to represent Sikh people worldwide.
- **Langar** – both the meal served to worshippers and visitors by volunteers and the communal eating area
- **Sewa/Seva** – the act of selfless service
- **Community** - a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

## Must Know Knowledge

The gurdwara has a key role in the Sikh community.

The four doors that many gurdwaras may be entered by symbolise the welcome that is extended to all people.

The Sikh principle of Sewa is demonstrated in the langar, appreciating that no day is especially holy in Sikhism.

The Nishan Sahib is displayed outside of gurdwaras around the world.

## Vocabulary (add the definition):

Nishan Sahib: \_\_\_\_\_ Langar: \_\_\_\_\_

Takht: \_\_\_\_\_ Khanda: \_\_\_\_\_

## Learning Journey

### Lesson 1:

Do we understand the challenge question.  
What do we think it means?

### Lesson 2:

What does the word 'gurdwara' mean, why is the Nishan Sahib flown outside of every gurdwara?

### Lesson 3:

How is worship performed in the gurdwara?

### Lesson 4:

How does the gurdwara demonstrate Sewa?

### Lesson 6:

Post learn

### Lesson 5:

How do we build an identity and sense of community as a school? (P4C)

