

Year 5 Spring 1 – Sikhism

Key facts

- There were 10 Sikh Gurus starting with Guru Nanak in 1469 and ending with Guru Gobind Singh in 1708.
- The word "Guru" is a Sanskrit word meaning teacher, honoured or religious person.
- Guru Nanak was the founder of Sikhism.
- Guru Angad developed the langar.
- Guru Amar Das made many social reforms to improve the status of women.
- Guru Ram Das established the city of Amritsar.
- Guru Arjun became the first Sikh martyr when he was executed on the orders of the Mughal Emperor.
- Guru Hargobind designed the Sikh flag.
- Guru Har Rai collected rare plants and used them to make medicines.
- Guru Har Krishan died serving victims of smallpox at the age of 8.

Sikh Gurus



Vocabulary

- Guru
- Sikh
- gurdwara
- Sanskrit
- langar
- Amritsar
- martyr
- Mughal
- Kalsa
- Vaishakhi

We are thinking about:

Why are the Gurus important?

What impact do their teachings have on the Sikhs?