

GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI AND GURDWARA

Aim: to understand the connection between the *Guru Granth Sahib* and the *Gurdwara*

Task One: copy date, title, aim and homework

Task Two: write down three things that you can remember from last lesson about the amrit ceremony

Task Three: sort out the nine statements about the *Guru Granth Sahib* into a diamond with the most important on top and least important at the bottom. Discuss your choice with a partner.

Task Four: Read the text below and copy out the sentences. Sorry, the beginnings and endings of these sentences have been mixed up!

The *Guru Granth Sahib* sits on a palki or throne. It is covered by a ramalla (cloth). A *Granthi* sits behind it and reads from it. Beside it is a chaur or fly whisk which is used to stop insects sitting on it. People sit on the side and sing kirtan (hymns) from it. In front of it is the golak or money store where people leave offerings that are used to pay for the langar (free kitchen) or other sewa (public service).

The *Guru Granth Sahib*... ..is singing hymns.

The rumalla... ..is a throne that the *Guru Granth Sahib* sits on.

The *Granthi*... ..is the spiritual leader and guide of the Sikhs.

The chauri... ..is the money box for langar (free kitchen) and other sewa (service).

The golak.. ..is a cloth that covers and protects the *Guru Granth Sahib*.

The palki... ..reads from the *Guru Granth Sahib*.

Kirtan ..is a fly whisk.

Task Five: look at the sketch of a scene from the Harmandir Sahib by a famous British artist. Label it using these words.

Rumalla *Guru Granth Sahib* *Granthi* Kirtan Chauri Palki Golak

Task Six: Look carefully at the picture. Play 'I Spy'. Find two things in the picture and copy and complete these sentences.

1. I spy with my little eye something beginning with...
2. I spy with my little eye something beginning with...

Plenary: write down three questions so that the answer must be one of the Keywords that you have learnt today. For example, Question: 'Who is Bart Simpson's Dad?'
Answer: Homer Simpson

Guru Arjun who compiled the Guru Granth Sahib in 1604 has checked and signed it. This copy still exists.

It is always 1430 pages long.

There are more than 17 languages in it.

It was written in a special script - Gurmukhi - that was designed especially for it. This script contains the 45 sounds that a human mouth can make.

The Guru is the spiritual leader and guide of the Sikh community.

36 non-Sikhs have also written in it.

It contains writings from the 12th to 17th centuries.

The Guru Granth Sahib contains references that tie it in with many religions, including Nirvana and Sunnya (Void) from Buddhism, and Azrael (angel of death) and Surat (bridge over hell) from Islam.

After the daily prayers (Nitnem), it is organised musically into 31 types of musical arrangement. It is not a story book but a hymn book.