Brentside Knowledge Organiser - RE		
Year 6	· ·	National curriculum: It will examine the features of a gurdwara, their function and symbolism, the activities that take place within the gurdwara, the format of worship and the importance of the gurdwa-
	What happens in the Garawara:	

What I should already know:

Name of the Sikh holy building and acts of worship that take place in a Gurdwara.

Understand that it is derived from the belief that God is committed to the welfare of all.

Appreciate that, in Sikhism, the promotion of social justice and equality and the challenging of unjust practices and prejudice are very important principles. Understand the significance for Sikhs of humility in life and respect for others.

Acknowledge that Sikhs perform sewa without any expectation of reward or recognition.

What I should know at the end of the topic:

Appreciate the importance of the gurdwara for Sikh worship and community life.

Recognise that any house that houses the Guru Granth Sahib becomes a gurdwara.

Understand that there are many types of gurdwara from grand and beautiful structures (such as the Golden Temple) to humble houses. Recognise that some gurdwaras are purpose-built whilst others are in converted churches or cinemas.

Appreciate the importance of morning and evening prayer and the Akhand Path in the gurdwara.

Recognise how the Sikh principle of Sewa is demonstrated in the langar.

Appreciate that no day is especially holy in Sikhism although in Britain many Sikhs attend worship on a Saturday or Sunday.

Maps/Diagrams





Vocabulary		
Gurdwara	A Sikh temple or other place of worship where Sikh scriptures are	
Waheguru	word used in Sikhism to refer to God	
Sri Guru Singh Saba	Largest gurdwara organisation outside of India	
Diwan Hall /Darbar Sahib	Darbar Sahib refers to the main hall within a Sikh gurdwara. This hall is where the holy text, the Guru Granth Sahib Ji, is placed on a takhat or throne	
Takht	A throne or seat of authority and is a spiritual and temporal centre of Sikhism.	
Manji	the small bed on which the Holy Sikh Scriptures, Sri Guru Granth Sahib is placed during the day in the main hall (Darbar Sahib) of the Gurdwara .	
Seva	Sikhs have a tradition of seva. A sevadar is one who performs seva	