Exploring the Gurdwara with Ellie

Learning objective: To identify and understand key features of a Gurdwara and the importance of the Guru Granth Sahib in Sikhism.

Use your pencils and colours to create a scene inside a Gurdwara. Follow the steps below to include important features. Use the word bank to label your drawing.

Draw: Draw a large, peaceful room inside a Gurdwara. In the centre, draw a Palki (a beautiful canopy or throne) where the Guru Granth Sahib is placed. Include a colourful carpet on the floor. Draw a person wearing a Dastar (turban) sitting quietly. On the outside of the building, include the Nishan Sahib flag. Use bright, respectful colours like yellow, orange, and blue.

Label words: Guru Granth Sahib · Nishan Sahib · Langar Hall · Dastar · Palki

Steps:

1. Why do you think the Langar Hall is an important part of a Gurdwara? Explain your answer.
2. What is the name of the holy book that is treated with great respect inside the Gurdwara?
3. Label the Palki in your drawing. Why is the Palki special?
4. List two things a visitor must do before entering the main prayer hall.
5. What is the Nishan Sahib and where would you see it outside the building?