

Maths

Multiplication and Division

The children will learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables, using different methods, and will use them to solve a range of problems. Children will be introduced to division using sharing and grouping. They will practise dividing by 2, 5 and 10, using their knowledge of times tables to help them. Children will also look at odd and even numbers. Please help your child to practise at home using objects to group or share and practising mental recall of their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Statistics

Children will collect data and will record using tallies, pictograms and block diagrams. They will then apply their learning to a range of data relating to India and Fairtrade, as part of their topic work.

We will also be recapping our work on place value and addition and subtraction. Ask the children to demonstrate what they know!

P.E.

In outdoor P.E. the children will be mastering basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination. With your friends and family, take part in a team game together. What tactics of defence or attack could you use to improve your chances of winning the game?

Indoors, children will take part in 'Bootcamp', learning to recognise changes in the body when exercising and how this can contribute to keeping healthy.

Computing

We will learn about word processing and how to stay safe online as well developing touch-typing skills. We will introduce important keyboard shortcuts, as well as simple editing tools within a word processor including bold, italics, underline and font colour as well as how to import images. This is something the children would benefit from doing at home as well to reinforce their learning.

Science

Our Science work will focus on the study of animals, including humans. Children will learn about the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene for humans. They will also find out about the basic needs of animals for survival, and learn about their offspring.

P.S.H.C.E./ R.E.

What are your dreams and goals? Ask your friends and family members what their dreams and goals are in life. Discuss together what you can do to achieve them and ways you can stay motivated when you find something difficult. Think how you can help others achieve their dreams and goals too. In **R.E.**, our work will focus on the Gospel and looking at good news that Jesus brings.

Inventive India

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Writing

Writing this half term will be linked to the children's learning about India. First, they will become tourists and write their own page for a class holiday brochure about the country. This will allow them to compare parts of the country including cities and discussing famous landmarks.

Next, using the book *Cinnamon*, the children will use their senses to write their own narrative; describing what they can see, hear, feel, touch and taste. The story will be based in India and will provide the children to use a range of exciting vocabulary to describe the settings.

The final writing journey will focus on the DT project, planning and assessment of their product. The children will learn the key features of instructional writing.

Art, Design and Technology

Design and Technology – the children will be learning about board games in order to create their own. You could discuss the following questions together: in which country were board games first invented? What type of board games do you like to play? You could play a variety of board games with your friends and family. Then compare the different designs and rules/instructions that needed to be followed. How have the boards and playing pieces been made? What materials have been used and why? Can you invent a new type of board game and write instructions for your classmates to follow?

Geography

Our study topic is our class country, India

As the subject driver for our topic, geography will be our focus.

Children will be comparing the human and physical geography of their local area with a small area in India. They will learn to name and locate the world's continents and oceans, using world maps, atlases and globes.

Music

This term our learning will be about Indian music. We will talk about dynamics and tempo. We will also learn about instruments used in Indian music and we will learn to express our feelings about music and explain why we like or dislike certain music. We will take part in activities which will build upon the children's existing knowledge and understanding about the interrelated dimensions of music. These activities will include: games - both warm up and other; their learning to sing the song; playing instruments alongside the song; practising improvisation skills and ending with their performance of the song.