English

During English this half term, we will read traditional Indian stories, such as 'The Old Woman and the Red Pumpkin', exploring characters and settings. Children will further their understanding of nouns and adjectives and begin to use expanded noun phrases to add detail to their writing. They will also learn to start sentences in different ways. We will then write a report about India, exploring culture, food and landmarks. Children will use titles, opening paragraphs and subheadings to structure their reports and then use this information to compare India with Great Britain.

Maths

During Maths this half term, children will complete their knowledge and understanding of addition and subtraction. They will then move on to **multiplication and division**. They will start by recognising and making equal groups before being introduced to the multiplication symbol. They will learn to make equal groups by sharing and grouping as well as the use of arrays. Children will be introduced to the 2x table and learn the 2x table facts e.g. 6 x 2 = 12 and 12 ÷ 2 = 6.

Geography

The focus of our topic this half term is 'India'. Children will use an atlas to find continents and oceans and locate India on a map of the world. They will also learn to identify human and physical features in India, such as rivers, mountains and cities. Children will learn about the climate and weather in India, including monsoon season. They will then compare India with the UK, considering how they are similar and different.

Important Information

Spellings: set on Friday and tested on the following Friday

Reading Books: changed weekly – books need to be in school every day

Reading Comprehension Homework: set on Friday and to be returned no later than Wednesday of the following week

Mathletics: set on Wednesday weekly

Times Table Rock stars: practise 10 x table, both multiplication and division facts

Science

In Science, we will be starting our unit on 'Use of Everyday Materials'. The children will focus on sorting objects into groups, according to the material from which it has been made, and group materials in line with their use. Children will also compare the suitability of materials for their intended use and learn how materials can be changed. They will investigate materials that are absorbent and non-absorbent.

Computing

In our 'We are Games Testers' unit, pupils will play simple computer games, trying to work out the rules of the game, such as the algorithms the programmers have used. They will observe and describe what happens in computer games. They will also use logical reasoning to make predictions of what a program will do and test these.

PE

Tuesday – Basketball (outdoors)
Children will need their outdoor PE kit – T-shirt, joggers, sweatshirt/hooded top and trainers

Friday – Gymnastics (indoors)
Children will need their indoor PE kit – shorts, T-shirt and black pumps

Art / Design Technology

In Art, children will explore how artists use lines. They will then study pattern, exploring Rangoli patterns as part of our 'India' topic and printing repeating patterns using hard and soft objects. In Design & Technology, children will develop their sewing skills by designing and making a felt Christmas stocking, in line with design criteria.

Music

In Music, children will focus upon a fun song called 'Ho Ho Ho', to get us in the mood for Christmas! They will appraise different styles of music, learn the words to the song and write their own positive words for the rap section of the song. They will also play and compose instrumental parts using percussion instruments and glockenspiels.

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RE/PSHE

In RE, children will learn about being regardful of suffering and sharing and being generous, finding out about religious charities, which support people in need. In PSHE Jigsaw lessons, children will follow the theme of 'Celebrating Difference.' They will consider how we are similar and different and learn that everyone's differences make them special and unique.