



KS1 Spring 1 Incredible India



Our topic

This half term we will be starting our multicultural topic all about Incredible India. We will be focussing on non-fiction text to find out and create information texts about India and closely studying and recreating Indian art.

Objectives we will cover this half term are...

Geography	In Geography this half term, we will be looking at some of the major cities in India and comparing them with our local towns and cities. We will also be looking at maps of the UK and India and plotting their landmarks, rivers and cities. In addition, we will be discussing the continents and oceans of the world.
Art	In Art, we will be taking a look at Madhubani art with a particular focus on the work of Sita Devi, looking closely at patterns and themes within. We will begin by developing our observational drawing skills and then adding tone, colour and texture for purpose to represent real life, ideas and convey mood.
Computing	In computing, we are building on our knowledge of being able to move a robot. We will be using the Beebots to develop our understanding of the use of buttons and directions to be able to program and give commands to the Beebot. These skills will allow us to direct the robot and enable it to follow a route.
RE	In RE this half term, we will be evolving our knowledge of the beliefs, teaching and practises of specific religions. We will be identifying the qualities required to be a good leader and learning about the leaders of certain religions, including the Rabbi. In addition, we will be thinking about inspirational individuals, including Mother Teresa, and the impact they had on humanity.
PE	This half term, in PE, we will be learning how to incorporate travel, balance and jumps into traditional Indian dance styles. We will be developing our ability to use simple movement patterns to perform Kathak and Bollywood style dances.
PSHE	In In PSHCE, this half term we are discussing ways which we can keep ourselves healthy. This will include which factors contribute to a healthy lifestyle, eating a varied diet and the impact personal hygiene impacts our health.
Music	This half term, we are learning the meaning of tempo, dynamics and articulation when listening and creating a simple sequence and how these can change sounds. In addition to this, we will look at musicians and composers and explore vocal timbre.
Science	In Science this upcoming half term, we will be covering lessons about animals and humans. We will take a look at a common range of animals and their life cycle. This will include taking a closer look at the similarities and difference between an adult and their offspring. We will also we discussing what animals need to survive and the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle as a human. Our Science lessons will also include seasonal changes.

Reading

This term we will be looking at a range of non-fiction texts about India. We will be looking at their features and collating the information we have read.

We are continuing with our whole class reading rewards each half term for children who read at least 3 times per week. We will be sending reading books and home-school diaries home daily in your child's book bag to encourage regular reading at home. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading books weekly in line with their guided reading sessions.

Do not forget about our library service that is on offer down in the Infant building.

Times Tables Rockstars

Your child should now have their login for Times Tables Rockstars. Remember to encourage them to practise their times tables with a focus on their 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be setting plenty of challenges on TT Rockstars and might even go head to head against other year groups for the chance to win special prizes in school! Also, look out for our top rock stars on our school newsletter each week.

If you have any issues with your child's TT Rockstar login, please let your class teacher know as soon as possible.

This is applicable for Year 2 from September 24 and Year Ones from January 25.

In Year 1, we will be introducing our new maths app called Numbots. You will have a new login put into your reading diary. Extra information will be sent via Arbor.

Homework

Children will receive maths homework on a fortnightly basis on our new home learning platform **Doodle**. Each piece of homework will directly link to the learning they have done in class and will be tailored to meet the needs of your child. Please encourage them to work on this independently at home with minimal support, if needed.

Optional Creative Homework

To add to your child's learning experiences, we would like them to create something at home linked to our new topic, 'Incredible India'. This could be in the form of a written task, a piece of art work, a 3D model or an IT based creation such as a PowerPoint, Word document or video.

Below are a few ideas for inspiration:

- Give someone else directions to follow a route
- Write a recipe for a healthy balanced meal
- Recreate your own Madhubani artwork
- Research the lifecycle of a different animal
- Make a leaflet all about how to maintain a healthy lifestyle
- Put on a performance of a Kathak or Bollywood inspired dance
- Create a information poster about an Indian landmark
- Design your own travel guide featuring key landmarks and cities.

