

What are we learning about this term?

Theme

Our theme this term is 'Indian Spice'. We will be exploring the culture, traditions and varying environments seen in India. We will be locating continents and oceans on a world map and making comparisons between the physical and human features of India and Alcester. We will also be looking at the different types of Indian wildlife and what it is like to be a child growing up in India.

English

As writers, we will;

- Write descriptions about people, experiences and places in India.
- Make written comparisons between locations.
- Write a narrative based on the text 'The Jungle Book' and plan and write our own ending.
- Look at a range of non-fiction texts and write our own wildlife fact sheet.

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Year 2



Mathematics

As mathematicians we will;

- Investigate numbers through:
 - Place value
 - Addition
 - Subtraction
 - Multiplication
 - Division
- Investigate measures through the use of money.
- Continue to practise and be tested on our 'Total Recall'.

Science and Foundation Subjects

- As scientists, we will be investigating materials and their properties, conducting experiments and discussing which materials would be best used for certain products.
- As geographers, we will:
 - use a range of geographical skills to help us investigate the environments in India and consider how animals and communities adapt to these environments.
 - use appropriate ways of presenting information to help us investigate places and environments.
 - make comparisons between our own locality and that of a non-European country.
 - describe the physical and human characteristics of an area by referring to regions, countries and continents and consider how similarities and differences in environments affect the lives of people who live there.
- As musicians we will play a range of different rhythms on a drum and use it to accompany music and singing.
- As artists, we will be exploring and designing Rangoli patterns and sketching Indian wildlife.
- In PE, we will learn simple traditional dance moves from another culture.
- As spiritual thinkers, we will be learning how Hindus and Buddhists live their lives and comparing Christianity and Hinduism.

Class Routines

- Maths homework will be given out weekly on a Monday to be handed back in on the following Friday (set/due dates will be at the top of each piece).
- POWer Project homework will be given out on Friday 15th September and is due to be handed in on Monday 4th December.
- Every Friday, your child will receive a list of spellings to be learnt by the following Friday as explained in the letter sent out last week - please see your class teacher if you do not have a copy of the letter.
- Books for our online reading scheme 'Bug Club' have been allocated for this term. If your child's login does not work, or you do not know the details, please speak to their class teacher. Your child's Active Learn account will also provide an exciting choice of interactive maths games.
- Both classes will have PE every Friday. Please ensure your child's indoor PE kit remains in school during term time.
- PPA will be on a Wednesday afternoon for which your child will need to bring in an outdoor games kit (trainers, socks (if wearing tights), blue or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, and a navy or black sweatshirt as it gets cooler).
- Swimming will take place within PPA sessions - further information about when your child will need their kit will be sent out in advance.
- Information about the school's 'Total Recall' maths facts scheme can be found in the back of your child's planner. These skills will be checked throughout the year, so please support your child in learning their number facts.
- Forest School for Year 2 will take place in the Spring Term to support our topic and science work.
- Your child will continue to read twice a week with their teacher/teaching assistant and books will be sent home. The focus for reading in Year 2 is ensuring reading is fluent and expressive. Also children must show an excellent understanding of the text and be able to discuss the events, characters, settings and make predictions about what might happen next. It is essential that you support your child by reading with them for at least 10 minutes a day.

We have been really impressed by how well the children are settling into Year 2. If you have any queries please speak with your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support, Mrs Long and Miss Witts.



Please have a
water bottle in
school every day!