

**Literacy**

Fiction: We will be learning about how authors use vocabulary to develop characters, settings and atmosphere. We will continue to work on our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills, with a particular focus on using commas and including dialogue in our writing. Our fiction work will be based on 'Threads of Deceit' - a multicultural text.

Non-fiction: This work will be based on finding and communicating information linked to our theme.

Poetry: We will also be exploring performance poetry with a view to taking part in an inter-school competition.

**Maths:**

We will start the term learning about Roman numerals. We will then be revising and developing our understanding of number and place value, learning about rounding large numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000 and 100,000. We will continue to develop and use calculation strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, with a specific emphasis on developing mental calculation strategies. We will learn about shape and measurement and apply our learning in a range of contexts, considering metric and imperial units. We will use our mathematical skills, logic and reasoning to solve problems and undertake investigations.

**Science:**

We will be continuing our work on classification and keys. We will also be learning about micro-organisms. In the second part of the term, we be learning about Materials, focusing on dissolving, evaporation, filtering and separating.

**ICT:**

As always, keeping our pupils safe on line is a top priority. To this end, dedicated e-safety lessons will be delivered. We will continue to use ICT across the curriculum as a means of researching and presenting work in other subjects. Children will continue to develop their ability to use 'Kidblog'. Children will use a range of Literacy and Maths on line resources to develop their basic skills in these subjects.

**Geography:**

Children will be studying India. We will be developing their skills in reading and interpreting maps. We will also concentrate on the difference between human and physical geography. Children will use a range of data sources and learn new geographical vocabulary.

**P.E.**

During their dedicated P.E. lessons, children will be working with Mr Jones on striking and fielding activities followed by athletics. Children will also take part in an inter-school kwik cricket competition. As usual, we place great importance on promoting health and fitness and so children will also benefit from a range of physical activities provided at playtimes and lunch-times. A fresh range of after school sports clubs are also on offer.

**R.E.**

We will be covering a unit called Expressions of Faith, during which children will explore the different ways in which a faith can be expressed e.g. through stories, images, symbols etc. To link to our thematic unit, Hinduism will be at the centre of this work. Children will be encouraged to make comparisons between this and other faiths they have studied.

**P.H.S.C.E.**

This term, our PHSCCE will concentrate on growing up. The school nurse will be visiting the pupils to talk to them about how are bodies change as we grow up. We'll also be preparing the Y5 children for their move into Y6.

**French:**

We will be developing our speaking, listening, reading and writing skills through a range of activities linked to the topic likes and dislikes.

**Music:**

We are listening to music from India and learning about their instruments; following and playing drum patterns from India. Measuring dynamics and gauging pitch. Playing and composing using ukuleles.

**Art and Design:**

In this subject we will be looking at the use of colour and pattern in Indian textiles. Children will have opportunities to study Indian pattern work, create their own patterns inspired by what they've observed and to reproduce these designs in a variety of mediums.

**Important information**

P.E. kit **must** be brought into school **every Monday** and taken home on a Friday.

Children **must** have suitable footwear for P.E. (sandshoes or trainers)

Please provide your child with a bottle of water, particularly on PE days.

**Homework Y5**

Monday: Science/topic

Tuesday: Maths

Wednesday: Reading Comprehension

Thursday: Tables

Friday: Spelling

**Visits/Visitors**

India Day—Tuesday 26th April

Cricket competition—Thursday 12th May

School nurse—Friday 13th May

City of Culture Visit—Tuesday 21st June