



KS1 Spring 1 Incredible India



Our topic

This half term we will be focusing on a new multi-cultural topic called 'Incredible India!' We will be looking at the different traditions and religious festivals that people celebrate in India as well as key facts about famous landmarks and cities there. We will also be trying lots of Indian food and snacks ready to design our own Indian meal. As an end of term treat, we will be doing our own colour dash inspired by the Holi festival of colour.

Objectives we will cover this half term are...

Science	In Science, we will be looking at the different parts of a plant and their life cycles. We will be learning some key scientific terms such as 'germination' and 'pollination' and will get the chance to plant our own seeds to find out what they need to grow and flourish.
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 how the UK and India demonstrate diversity and will touch on the impact of migration.
Art	This half term, we will be exploring traditional Madhubani patterns and creating our own design inspired by Sita Devi, a famous artist from Chennai. We will be learning all about the different symbols of India and putting them together in the style of Batik art.
Computing	In Computing, we will continue to develop our knowledge of e-safety as well as learning how to use Microsoft Word to create a fact file all about India. We will be using child-friendly search engines to research key facts about India to collate them on a Word document.
RE	In RE, we will be learning about famous religious leaders from the past and how they have helped to shape our modern lives. We will be focusing particularly on Mother Theresa and how she helped people around the world.
PE	In PE this half term, we will be focusing on a famous Indian style of dance called Bollywood dancing. We will be learning some of the key moves and sequencing them together to create our own routines.
PSHE	In PSHE, we will be looking at the different factors that contribute to a healthy lifestyle. We will cover diet, exercise, sleep, dental hygiene, screen time and also who is responsible for our health.
Music	In Music this half term, we will be studying the song 'In The Groove!' by Joanna Mangona. We will be listening and appraising the six different styles that this song has been created in, which are Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk. Each week we will be learning a different style of 'In The Groove' and performing it as a class.

Reading

This half term, the Year 1 children will be reading 'Tiger Child' as part of their English learning, while the Year 2 children will be reading 'The Girl Who Stole An Elephant' which will inspire their creative writing.

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 regularly in class but please note that it is their responsibility to do so if they have finished with a book. Don't forget that we now offer our brand-new library service on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** after school down in the Infant building.

Spelling and Phonics

Spellings will be set every Friday and will consolidate your child's Phase 5 (Y1) and Phase 6 (Y2) phonics skills for this half term.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Spring 1 Year 1	The 'er' sound e.g. her, under The 'oe' sound e.g. toe they	The 'er' sound e.g. term, winter The 'oe' sound e.g. goes me	The 'ir', 'ur' and 'oo' sounds. e.g. girl, surf, zoo. go	The 'ir', 'ur' and 'oo' sounds. e.g. girl, surf, zoo. by	The 'oo', 'oo' and 'oa' sounds. e.g. room, foot, boat. so
Spring 1 Year 2	The 'l' sound spelled -el and -al e.g. camel, magical	The 'l' sound spelled -il e.g. pencil, stencil	The 'e' sound spelled -y Adding -es to nouns ending in -y	Words ending in -y	Adding -ed to words ending in -y Adding -ing to words ending in -y

Maths Homework

Children will receive maths homework on a fortnightly basis. 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.

We expect maths homework to be handed in by the date written in your child's book. If it is handed in late, your child may be expected to complete it during their break time in school.

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:

- Make your own Indian flag using different materials and textiles.
- Design and make your own 3D model of a famous Indian landmark.
- Create your own Powerpoint presentation with facts about India.
- Design and make your own Indian snack e.g. samosa, pakora, bhaji.
- Make your own Indian sari with printed/sewn patterns.
- Design your own travel guide featuring key landmarks and cities.
- Sketch/paint your favourite Indian animal.
- Learn how to count to 10 in Hindi, the official language.
- Design your own henna pattern (maybe even have it decorated onto their hands).

