

## English

We will continue to work on the story 'Cinnamon' by Neil Gaiman and we will also get to know the story of Gope and Meera by Ritu Hemnani. We would like you to find descriptive vocabulary for the jungle, which can be used to write a poem about India. We would also like you to write a shape poem about the tiger in the story. We will then move on to reading our new book. For that we would like you to describe the setting and look where Meera and Gope are. We will look at themes like migration and refugees and write about how Meera is feeling and what she is thinking as she is getting on the train to leave her home. We will re-write the story as one of the characters and publish our writing as book. We will give you more information about our weekly tasks on the year 2 home learning section of our website. We have not found an online version of the story Gope and Meera by Ritu Hemnani which is why we will be reading a section of the story every week and send it to you.

## Topic

This half term, we will be covering geography and history. We will be comparing city and country life in India by looking at pictures. How is it different? How is it the same? How might the jobs that people do be different in the country and the city? Do people spoil areas or make them better?

Through reading the story of Gope and Meera we will also learn about Indian independence and King George VI who was King when India became independent. We will also learn about Mahatma Gandhi. How did he make a change?

## Maths

In maths this half term, we are going to revisit a lot of things we have learnt about before.

We will set you tasks about money: counting in 5ps, calculating change to 10p and 20p, making amounts using different coins.

We will also recap shapes. Can you name all 2D and 3D shapes that you know? How are they different? How are they the same? We will look at their properties, including symmetry.

We will also continue to use all 4 operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and solve problems involving these. We will use BBC Bitesize, Purple Mash as well as other links to help you with that. We would like to remind you to keep practising your number bonds to 10 and 20 and your 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

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### Curriculum Newsletter

#### **Year 2 Summer 2**

#### **'How is Britain different to India?'**

These are some suggested ideas for you to try to complete if you are at home.

Homework: Daily reading for 15 minutes; continue practising your times tables and spellings.

#### Suggested books to read

As last half term—books about India.

*Cinnamon* by Neil Gaiman  
*Little People, BIG DREAMS Mahatma Gandhi* by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara



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## Science

Our science topic is revision of what we have covered this year. We will look again at habitats and think about how animals have adapted to their habitats. We will look at what food chains are and try to come up with our own food chains. We will name some plants and think about what they need to grow healthily.

At the end, we will finish off by looking at materials. What materials do we know? What materials are your toys made of? Why are certain materials used for certain things. We will also look at what happens when materials heat up and cool down.

## RE

This half term, we would like you to research and find out about Islam. Can you find out about how Muslim children learn about Allah in the home through Salah, Ramadan and Eid? What is Ramadan and how is Eid celebrated?

## PSHE

We are going to learn about different emotions and when we might be feeling what. We will think about how we can talk about our emotions and of course we will talk about how we can keep safe from germs.

## Suggested Activities

If you like arts and crafts, you could get some fabric and design an Indian pattern on your fabric?

You could also use papier mache to make a mask of an animal you would find in India.