

## English

This half term, we will be reading the story 'Cinnamon' by Neil Gaiman. It is a story set in India which links to our topic and all our writing will be based on it. We will be completing two pieces of writing. The first one will be a letter which we will send to children at an International School in India and the second piece of writing will be a narrative, retelling the story of 'Cinnamon'. We will be working on understanding new vocabulary, understanding how a character is feeling, describing settings as well as using different punctuation such as commas in lists, apostrophes for contraction and omission as well as using the past tense consistently. For all our writing we will continue to work on our main year 2 objectives: using conjunctions such as because, and, so and but to join our sentences, using noun phrases (where an adjective is added before a noun) and of course remembering the basics we learnt in year 1 such as capital letters and full stops.

## Maths

In maths, we will start by telling the time. Children in year 2 need to be able to read the time to the nearest 15 minutes (o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to). We would be grateful if you could consolidate that at home as well. We will also move on to reading time to the nearest 5 minutes. Throughout the half term, we will also focus on consolidating basic year 2 maths skills:

Adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers, including bridging tens. We will work with visual representations to work out answers. We are also going to consolidate the work we have done on division and fractions during spring 1. For our mental-oral starters we will continue to revise number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and we will continue practise our times tables (x2, x5 and x10).

## Science

This half term we are learning more about animals. We will talk about reproduction and name adult animals and their babies as well as life cycles of animals (for example egg-chick-chicken).

We will also classify animals by what they eat: herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

Due to the two lockdowns we had over the last year, we will also ensure that we consolidate some of the year 1 objectives which are the foundations for further learning, such as the different animal types.



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## Art

In art we will be printing patterns using different materials and techniques. We will also be learning about an exploring the work of the Indian artist Anish Kapoor. To finish off, we will be learning to layer Modroc to make tiger masks which we will paint when they are finished.

## Topic

This half term, we will be covering geography in our topic lessons and we will focus on the geography of India and the UK.

We will work on our mapping skills by looking at a world map and locating both India and the UK.

We will also revise continents of the world, establish which continent India and the UK is on and find out about different countries/regions within the UK and India. We will also be touching on important river and mountain ranges of each country.

We will be carefully observing and drawing conclusions from looking at photos of India and comparing them to what we know from the UK in order to research how it is different and how it is the same to our country. Our key vocabulary will be words like, country, continent, beach, coast, forest, river, mountain, ocean and valley.

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### Curriculum Newsletter

#### Year 2 Summer 1 2022

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

Welcome back! We are excited to learn about another country this half term which is so different to ours! As always, there are key things to know (please also see knowledge organiser):

**PE Day:** Thursdays

**Homework:** Sent on Friday, due back on Tuesday.

**Book changing:** Please see your child's reading diary for their book changing day.

#### Suggested books to read

*Cinnamon*—Neil Gaiman

*Little People, BIG DREAMS Mahatma Gandhi* - Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara  
*A True Book India* - Scholastic

## RE

In RE, we are learning about Sikhism. We will talk about the Gurdwara as a place of worship and community and explore what can be found inside a Gurdwara. We will take part in an assembly that celebrates the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi which marks the Sikh New Year. We will also learn about the life of Guru Nanak.

## PSHE

In PSHE, we will be discussing friendships and qualities of a good friend including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences. We will also talk about the importance of respect for our friends and people that are different to us.

#### Suggested websites to visit

Chester Zoo to watch animals

<https://www.chesterzoo.org/virtual-zoo/>

Info about India

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/india>