

English

This half term we are reading the story of Gope and Meera by Ritu Hemnani. It is a story about a friendship during the time of India's independence and addresses themes of migration and being a refugee. We will read the story, discuss its vocabulary and learn to understand how the characters are feeling. All of our learning will build up to writing a piece of narrative which retells the story from the point of view of Gope, one of the main characters. In order to internalise the story we will use the skill of Talk for Writing, where we use a story map to learn to tell the story by heart.

We will also be revisiting poetry and work on writing a descriptive poem as well as a shape poem about the summer.

Throughout our learning, we will focus on using different kinds of punctuation, using the past tense correctly, writing using descriptive noun phrases and making sure our writing makes sense.

We will also continue with our daily phonics lessons as well as our reading sessions in which we will consolidate all skills needed to understand texts.

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? We are learning to understand the vocabulary 'urban' and 'rural' and to identify what makes a city and village different.

Through reading the story of Gope and Meera we will also learn about Indian independence and what it meant. We will briefly touch on King George VI who was King when India became independent and learn about the life of Mahatma Gandhi and the change he made.

Maths

In maths this half term, we are going to consolidate a lot of concepts we have learnt about before. We will begin continue learning about measuring weight, capacity and temperature. We will also describe movements, turns and position using mathematical language.

Towards then end of the term, we will be revising money and calculating change to 10p, 20p, 50p and £1. We will also solve mathematical problems based on money. We will also revise all four operations and basic place value. Throughout all our maths topics, we will be applying our knowledge by working on our problem solving skills and really understanding what a maths word problem is asking for. We will continue to practise our number facts such as times tables, number bonds, adding and subtracting multiples of 10 from 2-digit numbers and understanding place value to 100. We will end the term by completing number investigations and playing maths games.



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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 and how their habitat provides for all they need. 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 our toys made of? Why are certain materials used for certain things and not others? We will also look at what happens when certain materials heat up.

RE

This half term, we are learning about Islam. We will find out about the Five Pillars of Islam including Salah (prayer). We are also learning about the importance of Ramadan and Eid and different customs and traditions associated with them.

PSHE

We are learning that there is a normal range of and scale of emotions that all humans experience in relation to different experiences and situations. We will learn about how to recognise and talk about our emotions, including having a varied vocabulary of words to use when talking about our own and others' feelings. We will also learn about personal hygiene and germs including bacteria, viruses, how they are spread and treated, and the importance of handwashing.

Suggested Activities

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

Find out facts and research India.

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'How is Britain different to India?'

Homework: Sent home on Friday and returned by Tuesday please. Daily reading for 15 minutes.

PE Day: THURSDAY

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