



# India Class

Notes for Parents  
Autumn 2020

Welcome back! We hope that you are well and your children have enjoyed being back at school. Below are some of the themes and units of work that we are covering this coming term.

## Overall themes

This term our Topic will be 'Superheroes' and we will be linking our English and Art lessons to that theme alongside other curriculum areas.

## English

We will be using a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to delve further into our theme, including stories, descriptions and poetry. In each unit we will develop our reading, writing and speaking and listening skills. In Guided Reading sessions, children will be reading texts that teach them inference, deduction, reading strategies, vocabulary exploration and the content of fiction and non-fiction books. It will be based at their level and encourage progress within their reading.

- Reading Logs: Reading books will travel between school and home in named A4 plastic wallets. Please write in your child's reading log three times a week and I will write in it once a week. We do need to quarantine
- Spellings: We will begin setting Spellings soon. Children will be given new spelling lists each Monday. They will stick their word lists in their orange spelling books which will remain in school. Spelling word lists will be emailed to you so the children can practise their spellings at home. Spelling tests will be completed in orange books each Monday.

## Maths

We will continue to work on the key principles of number including the place value, four operations, fractions, data handling skills, shape and space, measures, calculator skills and number problems. We will have a real focus on the application of these skills to solving new problems. We are aware that some of our methods of teaching Maths may not be the same as yours, but we will try to include working examples to demonstrate. We will be continuing to use TT Rockstars to support our Times Tables learning. This has shown significant improvements in the children's fluency and speed of recall. Please do encourage your children to practice their Times Tables at home on a weekly basis. At the end of last term, letters were sent out introducing My Maths, an interactive online program to support Maths learning. This provides the children with the opportunity to link homework activities to their class based learning and enable them to

consolidate the skills that have been taught. Please ask if you have any questions regarding this.

### Science

In Science, children will be studying 'Living things and their habitats' while developing their skills of enquiry by working scientifically - our main skill focus will be on observing, questioning and predicting.

### PE

This term, outdoor PE will be on a Monday and indoor PE will be on a fortnightly basis. Please ensure your child has the correct, named PE kit for indoor and outdoor sessions. The PE kit should be in school every day and remain until half term.

### Art and Design

In Art the children will be looking at Superheroes. They will be drawing, painting and sculpturing to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination. They will also develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. They will make their own superheroes and backgrounds.

### Religious Education

The children will be studying 'God' as our first RE theme this term and will then be moving onto celebrations and festivals including Christmas. The children will attend acts of worship in the classroom and Father Paul and Mr Holloway will be visiting us.

### Computing

The children will be working on Coding using our new scheme of work, 'Purple Mash'. They will be introduced to coding and learn to make blocks of code, move characters and write programs.

### RHE

From this year, Relationship and Health Education will be a compulsory part of the curriculum. We will be starting with Healthy Eating and moving onto Mental Health and Wellbeing.

### Homework

- Homework books - Homework Books will be sent home on Friday. These will contain a homework grid for the whole of the Autumn term. We would like the children to complete one piece of homework in their homework book each week, but keep their homework books at home. If you can photograph or scan the children's homework tasks and email to via the class email address, this would be fantastic.

- Reading. We would love for you to read at least 3 times a week with your child and make notes of this in their reading log, using direct quotes if possible. We would like you to continue using the staged books from our library but would also encourage reading a book from home for 'pleasure', reading through a recipe, a newspaper or any other forms of reading that you come across. These are all worthy and relevant forms of reading that we'd love you to be doing with your child.
- Maths. This year we will be focusing on learning times tables. These will be  $\times 2$ ,  $\times 5$ ,  $\times 10$ . We will also introduce  $\times 3$  and  $\times 4$ . We will set different challenges for tables each week and we will start on the  $\times 2$ s to begin.

Just a reminder: Please remember we are a nut free school so please do not pack nuts in the children's lunch boxes.

We urge you to get in touch if you have any problems or concerns, no matter how small and insignificant you think they are. We look forward to working with you on the next step in their education. There will be an opportunity for you to 'Meet the Teacher' to address any issues that have developed. More details will follow later in the term.

Kind Regards,

Miss Wilkins and Miss Gorecka

Dates to Remember:

Meet The Teacher (zoom) - Wednesday 4pm 23/9/2020

Individual school photos - Tuesday 29/9/2020

Inset day - Friday 23/10/2020,

Parents evening (zoom) - Tuesday 3/11/2020, Wednesday 4/11/2020, Thursday 5/11/2020

Maths

Week	Theme this week
1	• Number and Place Value
2	• Number and Place Value
3	• Number and Place Value
4	• Addition and Subtraction
5	• Addition and Subtraction
6	• Addition and Subtraction
7	• Addition and Subtraction
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8	• Measurement: Money
9	• Measurement: Money
10	• Multiplication and Division
11	• Multiplication and Division
12	• Assessment
13	• Assessment
14	• Shape linked to Christmas activities

### English

Week	
1	• Stories
2	• Stories
3	• Stories
4	• Stories
5	• Stories
6	• Description
7	• Description
HALF TERM	
8	• Description
9	• Description
10	• Description
11	• Poetry
12	• Poetry
13	• Poetry
14	• Poetry