

India Class

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Notes for Parents Autumn 2021

Welcome back! We hope that you have had relaxing summer holidays and are ready to come back to school. We have been so pleased that the children have settled quickly and appear to be enjoying being in India Class. Below are some of the themes and units of work that we will be covering.

Overall Themes

Our topic this half-term is '**Sensational Senses**'. More information about our next topic will follow in due course.

Phonics & English

We will continue to increase the children's phonological awareness and phonics knowledge through varied, multi-sensory activities that support their reading, spelling and writing skills. In Phonics, your child will continually re-visit, learn, practise and apply their learning according to our new, bespoke Phonics scheme. To inspire your child's love of words, the reading experiences will be many and varied; we will share a range of stage-appropriate fiction and non-fiction texts to delve further into our theme and beyond. Chosen texts will develop the children's awareness of the different reasons for writing and we will talk regularly to reflect on an author's imagination and intent and explore this for ourselves when we write. Also, we shall act! We shall delve deeply into many, many texts to extend your child's vocabulary and show them just what is possible through the written word.

- **Reading Records:** I would love for you and your child to read and enjoy books together every day! I appreciate it won't always happen...but please try to make that your goal. **The reading scheme books are a fundamental stepping-stone to secure your child's confidence as a reader.** Reading scheme books and reading records will travel between school and home in named, plastic wallets. You will also have a book that you can share with your child. I ask that you write in your child's reading record **at least three times a week** and Mrs Tiller or I will make my comments once a week.
- **Spellings:** Children will be given new spellings every Monday to learn and the list will come to you via Google Classroom. Your child will have the opportunity to recall their learnt spellings each Monday.

Maths

Children will learn new mathematical concepts by using physical equipment (manipulatives) and pictorial representations in order to embed and apply new mathematical language and abstract constructs to solve mathematical challenges. We will work on the key principles of number, including the place value and the four operations. We will have a real focus on the application of these skills to solving new problems. Numbots, TT Rockstars and MyMaths programs will be made available to all pupils. Please await log in details.

Science

Children will explore what it means to work scientifically within the unit '**Animals, including Humans**'.

PE

There are two PE sessions each week. Your child needs the correct drawstring bag with named PE kit for indoor and outdoor sessions. The PE kit should be in school every day, then taken home on Fridays to be washed and ready for the following Monday. You may wish to include a spare jumper as the weather gets colder.

Class Worship & Religious Education

Our days begin either with an interactive Class Worship, a prayer or elements of learning taken from the new statutory curriculum subject: Relationships & Health Education curriculum (previously named PSHE). Occasionally, class worship is led by Father Paul or by Mr. Holloway. In RE this term, **God** is the subject of our first theme, followed by Celebrations & Festivals in the lead up to Christmas.

Art & Design

The children will develop their knowledge and appreciation of 'tactile art' by studying the textural techniques of Henri Matisse. As they draw, paint, sculpt and apply different media, they will develop skills and techniques that use colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.

Computing

We will continue to use Purple Mash as a comprehensive educational learning tool where your child will be using it to learn the rudiments of Coding to take them on a journey from learning how to move a single character to writing a program that contains several characters that move within the context of a story scene. The principles of online safety will be integral throughout.

RHE

Relationship and Health Education will continue to be a compulsory part of the curriculum. We will be starting with **Physical Health & Wellbeing** and moving onto **Keeping Safe**.

Humanities

We shall focus on Geography this autumn by studying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles

Homework

A homework grid will be available via Google Classroom. We ask that your child completes one activity or a piece of work each week. Depending on the task, we ask that you upload completed work onto Google Classroom or bring it into class.

NOTICES -

NUT FREE SCHOOL - Just a reminder: Please remember we are a nut free school, so please do not provide your child with anything that contains nuts.

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 your child's education.

Kind Regards,
Miss Wilkins and Miss Gorecka

Dates to Remember

Non-school uniform - Friday 17th September 2021
Senses Day - Tuesday 21st September 2021 - non-school uniform
Forest School starts for Y1 - Thursday 23rd September
Meet The Teacher (zoom) - Wednesday 29th September 3.30pm
Individual school photos - Tuesday 28th September 2021
INSET day - Monday 1st November 2021
Parents' evening (Zoom) - Tuesday 9th November & Thursday 11th November 2021