



Incredible India

Chestnut Class – Autumn 2 2019

English

Fiction Unit: Grandpa Chatterji by Jamila Gavin

This unit is linked to our Indian themed topic. We will explore through the story some of the cultural differences between the grandpas. Pupils will plan, write, edit and evaluate an informal letter in this unit.

Autobiographical Writing: 'All About Me' – We will explore the features of autobiographies, looking at what information makes up a good autobiography. Pupils will then write their own autobiography

Grammar Focus: Determiners, revising conjunctions and clauses. Revising nouns and learning to paragraph.

Maths

Number and place value: using number lines to compare and round numbers to the nearest 10 or 100

Addition and subtraction: adding and subtracting numbers with up to three digits using formal written methods of column addition and subtraction. Estimating the answer to a calculation and using the inverse operations to check answers. Solving problems, using addition and subtraction.

Multiplication: we will be beginning to learn about different methods of multiplication.

Times tables and counting in multiples: 3/4/8 —to be continued throughout term.

Science

Food and our Bodies

Nutrition: Types and amounts of nutrition that humans and animals need to stay healthy. How do we get our nutrients and how do we stay healthy?

Skeletons: What types of skeletons are there and how can animals be sorted by their type of skeleton? We will look at names of different bones in the human skeleton and why skeletons are essential

Muscles: What are muscles and how do they work? Why are muscles important?

Technology - Designing and making a healthy sandwich

RE

What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

Pupils will find out:

What Hindus believe about God, what they believe about life and death, what karma means, Hindu festivals and worship. We will also be visiting a Hindu Temple in Newcastle and pupils will take part in a workshop.

Indian Art

Pupils will explore the colours, patterns, styles and themes of Indian paintings.

They will find out about the Hastimangala Festival and elephants.

Create mehndi patterns

They will also discover what rangoli patterns are.

Topic – Incredible India

How has India changed over time?
The rise and fall of 'The British Empire'
How does economic development change a place?

Physical geography - landscape, rivers, weather, climate and location. They will compare human and physical features of India and the UK. They will gain an understanding of fair trade and the cotton industry

Computing: Pupils will learn how to make a presentation about India. Pupils will research an area of India which they will present using iMovie App as a video.

PE

Children will be learning to play handball and about gymnastics this half term. PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Music

This term's work is based around a song called 'Let your spirit fly.'

MFL – All About Me

- Listening to and following classroom instructions
- Actions
- Parts of the body
- What's your favourite colour?
- Clothes/What are you wearing?

PHSE

Health and Wellbeing - It's my body.

This unit explores sleep, healthy eating, exercise and teaches children about body autonomy and making healthy choices.



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Times Tables

Remember to practise your times tables at home as well as reading! Keep working on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables, and counting in 3s, 4s and 8s

Attendance

Let's see how many weeks of 100% attendance we can get this half term!

Events this term

- 15th November - Children in Need Day
- 27th November – Young Scientist Workshop led by Newcastle University.
- 4th December – Trip to the Hindu Temple.
- 17th December 9am – Parents/Guardians are invited to watch our Christmas production with Years 3 and 4
- 20th December – End of Autumn Term – 1.30pm

Meet the team!

Miss Henderson – Class Teacher
Miss Morton – Teaching Assistant
Mrs Newman – Art, PHSE and Technology Teacher

Useful Websites

www.letterjoin.co.uk – username: light
password: shine – useful to practise joined up writing
www.activelearn.co.uk
www.mymaths.co.uk
www.school360.co.uk – children have their usernames and passwords for all of these websites and can log on at home at anytime!