

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer holidays. This is an outline of the subjects we will cover this half-term:

| Key Question: How can I explore India through my senses? Great Work: Recreating an Indian marketplace for the year 2 children to enjoy. | |
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| Maths | The children will be learning about the place value of each digit in a three digit number and comparing and ordering numbers to 1000. We will be consolidating the children's knowledge about the four main operations and securing their understanding of number facts and missing number problems. This will be complimented by Mental Arithmetic tests on a weekly basis. |
| English | Children will explore fictional writing through texts set in India. We will look at fictional writing, looking at word class and sentence structure. We will also create non-fiction reports based on aspects of India. |
| Geography | The children will be exploring India as a country and looking at how it differs to England. The children will study the world map and identify continents. They will also investigate the climate, culture, food and travel in India. |
| Science | The children will be learning that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. They will explore a range of different light sources and begin to see how light is reflected from an object. They will also discover how shadows are formed and find patterns in the change of shadows. |
| PE | Poplars will be swimming at Richmond Pools on the Park every Tuesday. Sycamores and Maples' focus will be on ball-skills for games. The other P.E session will be Bollywood dance. P.E days Maples: Tuesday and Thursday Sycamores: Monday and Wednesday Poplars: Tuesday (<i>swimming</i>) and Wednesday |
| RE | The children will explore the key teachings, beliefs and symbols in Hinduism and will draw a comparison to elements in Christianity. |
| Computing | The children will be 'Researchers', investigating and researching India and constructing a multimedia presentation. |
| DT | The children will be cooking during DT Day this half term. We will be exploring the flavours on India and preparing and cooking healthy food. |
| Music | We will be following a scheme of work on Charanga Music School, based around the unit 'Let Your Spirit Fly'. The children will have opportunities to compose their own music using a variety of instruments. |
| PSHCE | The children will be looking at a unit of work based around beginning and belonging. |
| French | The children will be learning how to greet and say goodbye to someone. We will introduce how you ask someone's name and say your own as well as asking someone how they are. We will also be focusing on learning some basic nouns and the numbers 1-10. |
| Trips/Special weeks | 11th September Year 3 Meet the Teacher Meeting - 3.30pm MS Hall 10th September - 13th December: Weekly swimming starts for Poplars |

Reading at home should continue to be a focus. Children will receive a homework book in the first few weeks of returning to school.

| Homework | Given out | Due back |
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| English & Maths | Friday | Wednesday |
| Spellings | Friday | Weekly spelling test on Fridays |

We really appreciate parent helpers, but in order to plan effectively we find it works best if parents can commit to a regular slot, preferably on a weekly basis. We will welcome parent helpers after half term.

We are available between 8.15a.m. and 8.30a.m and after school on most days (apart from Mondays) if you have any queries or issues to discuss.

We look forward to a happy and successful Year 3.

Best wishes,

Ben Egan - **Poplars**

Claire Mooney - **Sycamores**

Paul Manuel - **Maples**