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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have worked particularly hard this term and have really given their best during the SATs period. We are very proud of them!

### **MAIN LEARNING THEME** – *Indian Spice*

The main focus for the learning during next term will:

- Use different sources to research topic and find out about India and Indian Cultures. E.g. Books, the internet, holiday brochures and family photographs
- Research geographical location of India and compare to our own country and locality. Find out about the differences in physical and human geographical features.
- Compare cultures in United Kingdom to cultures in India.
- Learn about Indian Traditions and life in a country different to ours, including leisure activities. E.g. Sports, Music and Art.
- Understand the different religions practiced in India and how this affects the way people live.
- Make, taste and compare Indian food to traditional food in Britain.

Key vocabulary for next term: climate, weather, India, spice, culture, tradition

### **ENGLISH**

The children are taught English through either Literacy and Language or Read, Write Inc phonics. Next half term we will be looking at alternative fairy stories, thinking about punctuation and the structure of writing.

### **READING**

Our thanks for your continued support with reading with your child at home. Each week, your child will be given 1 reading book which they can share with you at home. This will be changed weekly, and we would suggest bringing books in every day. Year 2 also have the opportunity to visit the library on these days, and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library. They will bring home 2 library books, and these will also be changed weekly.

### **MATHS**

Next term, the children will be focussing on the following:

- Calculating – multiplication and division
- Shape
- Measurements – measuring length and weight
- Number and number patterns
- Problem solving

### **PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT**

During next term, the class will work towards a food tasting session to celebrate the end of our topic!

### **HOME LEARNING**

Home learning in year 2 will consist of a weekly piece of both English and Maths skills. These will be given to the children on a Wednesday, to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Ideas for supporting your child are continuing to learn the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times table, and using the Spelling log books to ensure that your child reaches the spelling success goal for the term.



The children are also invited to complete a half termly home learning project, however this is not compulsory. As the theme is *Indian Spice* ideas for this could include:

- Cook some traditional Indian food such as samosas, onion bagees, naan bread or Indian sweets
- Visit a local Indian restaurant or take away and try some of the food! Make notes to say what you ate and if you enjoyed your experience
- Visit your local supermarket and investigate the Indian foods that are available.
- Find out about the climate in India. Can you collect any information about the rainfall?
- What special festivals or celebrations are important in India?
- Find out if there are any famous buildings or landmarks in India

## **PE**

PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week, outdoor PE is weather dependent at this time of year, and **Tuesday** is indoor PE. However, we ask that the children bring in their complete kit (including plimsolls/trainers) on a Monday, and leave this at school until Friday. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (**by the child**) or covered with a plaster (**which must be supplied from home**).

Your child will require the following PE kit (**Clearly named**):

- Plain White T-Shirt
- Black/Grey Shorts
- Tracksuit for outdoor PE
- Socks
- Plimsolls/Trainers

## **SCHOOL TRIP**

We are busy organising a school trip to Sundown Park for Year 2. Please look out for further details which will be with you shortly.

Finally I would like to wish you all a fantastic half term, the year 2 team will be working hard to ensure your children have a great end to the year.

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Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mrs D Reynolds  
Head Teacher

