



Monkton CEP School

Ladybird Class

Newsletter

Term 3



'Every child is special'

English

In English, we will be starting the term learning how to write a biography about Gandhi. Our core texts include Jamila Gavin's *Grandpa Chatterji*, followed by *Seasons of Splendour* by Madhur Jaffrey. The children will then explore myths and legends in Indian culture, followed by instructions and play scripts, in preparation for our Term 4 production of *Oliver Twist*.

Numeracy

We begin the term revising multiplication, using more formal methods such as the grid method, before moving onto division. Class 3 will then learn how to calculate both perimeter and area, before moving onto fractions.

RE

In RE this term we will be asking questions such as What is the Trinity? Learning about the symbolism and importance of water, including for baptism.

Science

In term 3 we are learning about states of matter, that everything exists as a solid, liquid or gas and how they are able to change state through a variety of processes.

PE

The children will be continuing to work with our sports coaches and Mrs Osgood, developing their gymnastics skills, followed by dodgeball after school.

ICT

Ladybird class will begin the term reminding ourselves of the SMART rules and how to stay safe online, before learning how to create music digitally.

Foundation subjects

Geography- India- where is it in the world? Mapping geographical features

History- The importance of Gandhi on Indian history

Art- Indian art- including Mehndi; observational drawings of Gandhi

Design Technology- Indian food- planning, making and tasting Indian Tikka dishes

French - Months of the year, colours and classroom objects

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
state	maps	short division	biography
matter	scale	perimeter	imperative
solid	key	area	myth
gas	symbols	fraction	legend
liquid	features	equal	script

Websites

<https://www.everyschool.co.uk/science-key-stage-2-changing-state.html>

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/z4fr87h>

<http://www.coxhoe.durham.sch.uk/curriculum-links/geography/ks2>

<https://www.bbc.com/timelines/zpdqmp3>

Special days/ Come join us

- Dates for diaries- Fri 18th Jan- reports home; Tue 5th Feb- Safer Internet Day; Forest school during the afternoons of Fri 1st Feb, Fri 8th Feb and Fri 15th Feb- spare clothing, boots and warm, waterproof coats, hats and gloves (all weather dependent) needed on these days.
- Wed 13th Feb- Parents evening- PM from 1:30 onwards until 7:30pm
- Thur 14th Feb- 2:30pm- open afternoon for parents to celebrate children's Indian homework projects