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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a great holiday; it has been a real pleasure getting to know your lovely children this week. We are getting into new routines and adjusting to Mrs Adams' sense of humour. Thank you for your patience while I learn your faces. I apologise for taking so long, I will get there- eventually!



Our learning journey topic for this term is **'India'**. We will be using maps to find India and identifying some of its features. We will be finding out all about Indian culture and trying some food. We will then be making comparisons between India and where we live. We will be designing our own Rangoli patterns and using chalks and pastels!

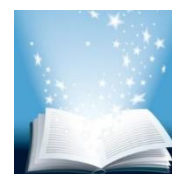
In English we will be writing using The Tiger Child and Chapatti Moon a version of the runaway pancake and writing our own versions of the story. We will also create simple fact files about animals.

In maths we will be learning about multiples of tens and linking this to our knowledge of facts to ten. We will spend time dissecting teen numbers and discussing why they are so tricky and we will use lots and lots of concrete resources to build our confidence with number.

We will be learning about animals in Science, finding out about the different types of animals and classifying Indian animals into these groups. We will also be finding out about animals' body parts and what different animals eat.

PE will be on Mondays and Tuesdays. **Please ensure your child has their full, named PE kits in school on those days. Long hair needs to be tied back and earrings removed.**

Children are now prompted to change their book every morning. The school has invested in new books to stimulate the children's interest. By choosing the book themselves, they are already interested. If they have not changed their book, please come and see me at the end of the day and we can sort it out then. **I will hear all children read and re-assess their reading band by the end of next week.** If you think their books are not challenging them enough, please write in their reading record- I will read your comments when I read with your child and staff/helpers will make a comment in their book when they read with them too. **Please try to hear your child read.** Every day is ideal, ten minutes is a great start. Cuddle up, read a few pages, take turns, enjoy your time together. Every time you read together makes a real difference. If your child is reluctant, please do see me for some ideas.



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us .

Yours sincerely,

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