

## Writing

This term, the children are working on consolidating all the writing targets which they have acquired so far this year.

We are focusing on story writing, and using two books in particular as stimulus for the children's own ideas.

The books are "Footprints in the Forest—A Chembakolli Story" by Action Aid, and "Stories from India" by Anna Milbourne, published by Usborne.

Contained in "Stories from India", there are sixteen short, enchanting retellings of traditional Indian tales.

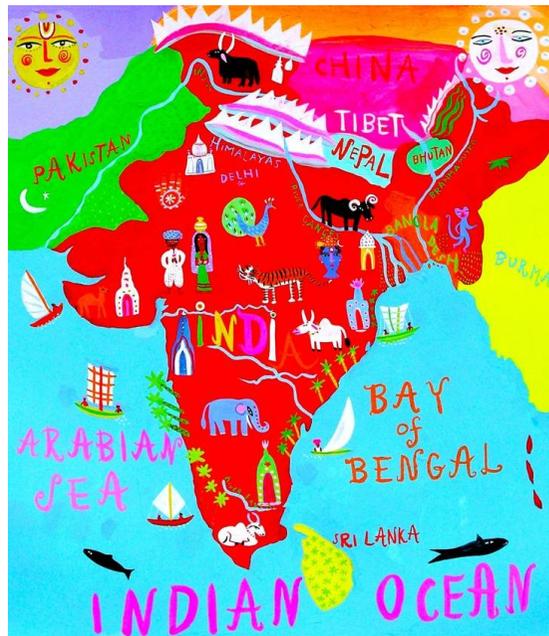
Both books can be obtained from Amazon—Footprints in the Forest (£1.37 plus £2.80 packing and postage), and Stories from India (from £5.16 plus packing and postage).

## Reading

This term, we are using 'Debono's Thinking Hats' to help the children to structure their written answers and to give them a framework to use the texts to evidence/back up their opinions. The texts used in our sessions will vary according to the needs of the children in each class. Each class will be running a carousel of activities on a weekly basis, to enable all the children the opportunity to share their work, discuss their answers and to improve upon their comprehension skills.

We are also going to learn a little about a famous Indian figure—Mahatma Gandhi, so that we can touch on some non-fiction skills.

The books that we will be sharing are "Grandfather Gandhi" by Arun Gandhi and Bethany Hegedus, and "Gandhi—A March to the Sea" by Alice McGinty.



## Topic Work

Geography—we will be making model villages based on Chembakolli in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Of course, we'll also be looking at the location of India, and geographical features as well as climate.

History—fits in with the life of Gandhi.

Science—Mrs. Lakeman is now our Science lead, and has planned a great unit on sound, which we will teach discretely.

PE /Forest Skills/PHSE—this term the children will participate in a carousel of these activities on a Thursday afternoon. Mr. Barnard will teach the PE; Miss Thomas the Forest skills sessions and Ms. Houston the PHSE.

Religious Education—we are going to be exploring the Christian concept of salvation, through bible stories, drama, art and music.