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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back! We trust that this letter finds you well and that an enjoyable Christmas and New Year was had by all. As you may well have gathered, this term our topic is India and we hope that your child enjoyed our Indian day on Wednesday as much as we enjoyed running it. A big thank you to all of the parents who were able to come in and help us, we really couldn't have done it without you!

New targets for both Maths and Literacy will be in planners by the end of next week. Please do come in and discuss these with your child's teacher if you have any queries as to how you can best help your child at home. It continues to be an expectation that children will be using Mathletics to further their mathematical understanding at home. If access to a computer is difficult, please let us know and we will arrange opportunities in school.

Your child will be reading in class every day so please do ensure that they have a reading book in school with them. This should be from the colour which your child is working through on the school reading scheme unless otherwise agreed with your child's teacher. Teachers are currently reviewing the levels which children are reading on the school scheme and if you have any queries please come and see us.

Homework tasks are detailed below. At least 2 tasks from the list should be completed by **Monday 6th February.**

Activity 1 – Festival Investigation

Investigate either the festival of Holi or Diwali and find out how they are celebrated. Create your own information pack explaining what Hindu's do to celebrate and make sure that you include lots of photographs!

Activity 2 – Paisley Patterns

Investigate a paisley pattern and then create your own for display using whatever media you think is best. These traditional patterns can be very individual so use the outside shape and then create your own design inside.



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Activity 3 – Make your own game

Look at a physical map of India. Find 3 rivers, 3 major cities, 3 oceans/seas, 3 neighbouring countries and at least one mountain. Then make up your own game where the players will have to travel around India. You can make it like snakes and ladders where players land on different squares and then either move forwards or backwards.

Activity 4 – Exotic Animals

Find out about any animal which lives in India and produce a **detailed** information page including information such as: habitat, diet, numbers living in the wild, endangered status, how to recognise an animal, fascinating facts etc.

Activity 5 – The Ramayana

Investigate the story of Rama and Sita. Then either present the story as a colourful storybook with illustrations telling different parts of the story **or** work with several friends and act out the story. Make sure that you film it and can hand in a copy to your teacher.

Activity 6 – Spice Mixing

Amaze your parents by showing off your skill at spice mixing. (make sure that you don't rub your eyes after handling chilli) Find a recipe for Sag aloo and (with supervision) cook it up to go with a curry.

<http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/1674633/sag-aloo>



In school we want to see a photograph of the finished product, make sure that you get everyone who eats your Sag Aloo to write down a comment about your cooking!

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Spellings for Year 3 and 4 are detailed below. These continue to be tested on a Wednesday and given out to the children on a Thursday or Friday. Please do encourage your child to practise at home.

Date for your diary – 8th February 2012

Please keep this date free. To finish off our topic, we are hoping that each child will be able to create a thali style meal and show off their work on India and we would love for you to come in and join us at the end of the day.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Barnard, Miss Denning and Miss Street



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