

ST LAWRENCE C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

**YEAR 4
CURRICULUM
OUTLINE**

Spring Term 2019

**Passage to India
and
Deep, Deep, Down**



Our topic for the first half of the Spring term will be 'Passage to India'. Our stunning start to this topic will be a fictional flight to India. 'Deep, Deep, Down' will be our topic for the second half. As a fabulous finish to our 'India' topic, we will visit a Hindu temple on 5th March,

Literacy

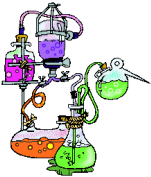
Lily's Garden of India is our inspiration for the first half of term when we will focus on the use of metaphors and the style of the author. We will also be studying the 'Just So' stories by Rudyard Kipling. For the second part of the half term we will explore the fictional text Blue John. We will write descriptive openings, character descriptions and retell the events of the story in a chosen genre. We will explore non-fiction texts to find out what is underneath our feet and produce non-fiction writing and poetry.

Numeracy

We will be working on written methods for addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. 2-D and 3-D shapes, as well as symmetry, will be our focus for India, particularly in relation to the Taj Mahal. We will be using angles to measure stalactites and stalagmites of Blue John's cave. Children will be encouraged to become quicker in mental recall and calculations, including times tables and division facts.



Science



This half term our topic is states of matter. We will investigate how water can exist in all three states and the processes involved in changing from one state to another. The children will be encouraged to ask questions and plan and carry out their own investigations. Next half term we will be looking at rocks and soils and how they make up our Earth's surface.

Computing

We will be exploring databases in Excel to produce a graph with special effects. As well as this, we will be learning to use Scratch and how to program.

Geography

Using maps, non-fiction texts and the internet, we will carry out investigations into British coastlines.

PE

In games we will be developing our skills in net games such as tennis and badminton. In Gym we will be developing our flexibility and strength and developing sequences of rolls. Bollywood will be our inspiration for Dance. We will be swimming in the second half of term.

RE

We will be finding out about inspirational people in Hinduism and Islam. After half term we will be investigating why Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'.



Art



Blue John will be the inspiration for our artwork this term. We will develop our skills in different media, including sketching pencils, water colours, charcoal and silhouettes. We will experiment using different shades of blue to build up texture and definition. We will also be creating block prints from polystyrene tiles.

Music

The children will listen to a variety of styles of Indian music and create, perform and evaluate their own compositions. We will then be looking at the genre of 'Blues'. Our learning will come from a wide range of live and recorded music from great composers and musicians

French

Through the use of role play we will develop our knowledge of question-ing and answering. We will be dramatizing the water cycle in French and learning words and phrases to talk about weather.

PSHCE

Children will continue to look at how to develop and maintain good relationships, including respect for and appreciation of other cultures.

Home Learning

Home learning will concentrate on the consolidation of learnt skills and preparation for forthcoming work. Each week we will give a mental maths task, a reading activity and 'words of the week' to practise.

This term home learning will be set on Wednesday, to be returned the following Monday. Please try to ensure Home Learning books do come back to school on a Monday, even if all home learning tasks have not been completed

Important Dates for the Term

<i>Monday 14 January</i>	School clubs begin
<i>Wednesday 16 January</i>	8.50 St Lawrence Hub coffee morning
<i>Tuesday 5 February</i>	9.00 Governors' AGM for parents
<i>Tuesday 12 February</i>	7.00 Maths curriculum evening
<i>Wednesday 13 February</i>	9.10-10.10 Maths curriculum morning
<i>Friday 1-Thursday 7 March</i>	3.15 Book fair
<i>Tuesday 5 March</i>	Visit to Hindu Temple
<i>Thursday 7 March</i>	World Book Day (dress up)
<i>Tuesday 12 March</i>	5.30-8.00 Parent consultations
<i>Thursday 14 March</i>	3.30-5.30 Parent consultations
<i>Wednesday 20 March</i>	8.50-9.15 Stay and share for parents
<i>Friday 29 March</i>	School clubs finish
<i>Wednesday 3 April</i>	3.15 PTA Easter egg hunt

**We would like to thank you for
your continued support and co-operation**

