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Welcome Back & Updates

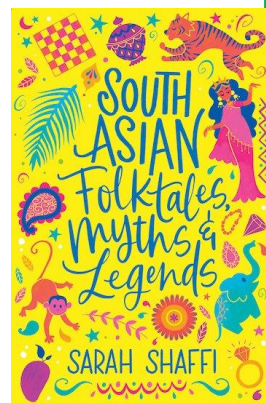
Happy 2025 everyone!
We hope you are all ready for the new year ahead. We have some very exciting events this half term to start the new year off. We will be celebrating Chinese new year, Children's mental health week, Valentines Day and more! Please look out for these events on Evidence for Learning.



Key Concepts and Skills

This half term we are going to be going exploring around Asia.
We will be learning about the different cultures;
Dance, food and languages spoken in 6 exciting countries.

These will be Japan, China, India, Thailand, Turkey and Russia. We are going to be reading a book called "South Asia Folktales, Myths and Legend"



Reminders / additional information



If it is appropriate for your child to have snack, please use our ParentPay app to pay for it. We have a range of snack options, including yoghurts, crisps, biscuits and juice.

This half term our hydro day is **Thursday** but please send in your child's kit at the beginning of the week as we may take them in whenever there is a space, please include a costume/trunks, 2 towels and some body wash/shampoo. Please remember to send in a change of clothes for your child each day, thank you.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Cognition and Maths

For Cognition, have an explore of different spices. We are going to smell items like cardamom, chilli and cinnamon. Are you able to communicate your like or dislike for any of these smells of spices? Have a go at helping with some cooking at dinner time. Can you explore different vegetables?



PSED



For PSED We are looking at different jobs people have and how we can prepare for adult life. We are going to role playing different jobs and using money and cards.

Have a chat at home about the different jobs that family members do and have a listen to a song about different jobs.

[Alphabet occupations](#) | [Job and Occupation song](#)
| [Alphabet song for kids](#) | [Jobs song](#) | [ABC song](#)

Communication

For Communication have some quiet time together and do a story massage. I have added a link to a video of an Aladdin story massage. Are there any moves that you like more than another. Can your child ask for more of a particular move?

What do you think of the song?

[A Whole New World, Sensory Massage Song](#)

Physical Development

We are exploring a lot of different cultures dances this half term from Bollywood to the dragon dance!

Have a go at home of moving our bodies to different music. Try out these you tube dance video.

[At home seated chair exercises](#)
[Bollywood Chair Zumba 20 minutes](#)

Literacy

In class, we are reading about different folk tales from different counties. Are there any favourite stories from different counties that you like to read?

Can your children help to turn the page?
Can they point to an animal or word in the story?

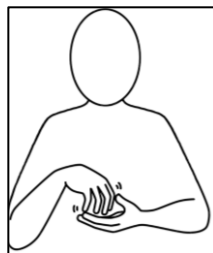
Below is a link for a story

[Folktales of India - Tales from Ladakh - The Fairy who cried Gems](#)

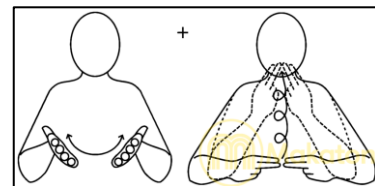


Makaton Signs

We are going to learning lots of signs this half term about the animals we see in our Asia topic.



Rice



Noodles