

Welcome back to the new term, we are very much looking forward to continuing your child's educational journey with them.

We do ask that your child comes into school ready for the day and ensuring they have the items they need on a daily basis:

- Reading book
- Home School Diary
- Full PE kit
- Wellies to stay in school
- Appropriate clothing (for all weathers!)
- Care bag (a separate letter will go home with equipment needed for this)

This term we may be sending homework home as well as weekly spellings.

We will have opportunities to meet at Parents evenings. These are great opportunities to discuss your child at length to ensure we are all working together to meet the needs of your child in the best possible way.

In the community and at school, we reinforce the **Thriftwood Code** and identify ways to help each other.



# Thriftwood School



## Curriculum Summary Spring Term 2024 India Middle School Woodpecker

Educate, Challenge, Prepare.



## Woodpecker Curriculum Summary - India

### **CREATIVITY - MUSIC AND DRAMA**

Bollywood Dancing  
Middle School assembly singing  
Music from around the world

### **CREATIVITY - ART & DT**

Animal Masks  
Sunset landscape scenes  
Papier mâché animals  
Henna designs

### **COGNITION - FOOD TECHNOLOGY**

To think about where food comes from.  
To make independent choices.  
To collect equipment independently.  
Skills include:  
Mixing, Cutting, Grating, Baking and Measuring

### **PSHCE**

#### **WORLD AROUND ME - RE**

Hinduism  
Friendships  
Health and Hygiene

### **COGNITION - ICT**

E-safety  
Programming instructions

### **WORLD AROUND ME – LEISURE AND CARE OF LIVING THINGS**

Caring for Animals – incorporating trips to see animals from India at Colchester Zoo and visits to local petting farms to understand how to care for animals.

Community – local trips incorporating life skills such as social communication, money skills, keeping safe in the community.



### **PHYSICAL AND SENSORY DEVELOPMENT**

Gymnastics – weekly trips to Basildon Gym to develop core strength.  
Parachute Games – turn taking, following instructions, working together.

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### **WORLD AROUND ME – Geography**

Finding countries on maps  
Rangoli Patterns  
India Topic Themed Day  
Daily News–  
Newsround -current affairs

### **COMMUNICATION AND COGNITION -**

**LITERACY:** Speaking and listening skills.

***Experience:*** text development, reading comprehension, written text, film excerpts, drama, news report

***Activity in response*** – writing, drama, grammar, punctuation

**COGNITION - NUMERACY LINKS:** In addition to Maths scheme of work – Handling Money and telling the time, ordering numbers.

**COGNITION/WORLD AROUND ME - SCIENCE:**  
Electricity