



Halesowen Church of England's Learning at Home Information

India.

Here are some ideas our staff have come up for India.

- Create rangoli patterns using chalk, felts, crayons or sweets- Create a story for your rangoli pattern.
- Create a Manadala pattrern- they are based around a circle in the centre and work outwards adding layers of pattern. Mandalas are also symmetrical- use a mirror to check your design is the same on both halves.
- Create a henna design for your hands :
- Indian is the birthplace of 4 of the world's major religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism. Explain how they differ from each other. Can you create a symbol that would represent each religion?
- Bhangra or dhol drums are used at many different celebrations. Have a go at copying some of the drum rhythms or make up your own rhythms- use hand clapping, hands on your legs/ floor, improvise your own drums- a wooden spoon and a sauce pan?
- Yoga originated from India. Have a go at following along to one of the stories at Cosmic Kids Yoga, there are lots of different stories to choose from. <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>
- The Taj Mahal is a mausoleum - or tomb and monument - built in the mid-17th Century in Agra, India. Can you find any other facts about this amazing building and its history?
- The peacock is a symbol of royalty throughout the world and none more so than in India where peacocks live and is the national bird of their country. Can you draw or make your own peacock? There are lots of ideas on the following website: <https://www.3dgeography.co.uk/india-craft-ideas-for-kids>
- Craft a peacock, tiger or elephant - could use paper plates, tissue paper etc.
- Design a leaflet or poster for an Indian zoo-what animals would you see?
- Investigate India - Can you draw India and locate the key cities (Mumbai, New Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai)
- Compare India to the United Kingdom (what is similar and different)
- Using strips of paper, glue and cotton wool practise filing and folding paper samosas.
- Create Bollywood themed dance <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJ0maCKKEI>
- Mahatma Gandhi was a noble man who helped to create peace. Here are some of his famous quotes, reflect on these quotes and think about what they mean to you
 - * "Where there is love, there is life."
 - * "Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony."
 - * "The future depends on what we do in the present."



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- The Taj Mahal is one of the World's most beautiful buildings. Can you design or make your own idea of a beautiful building. It can be anything at all you want it to be; a castle, a house, a place of worship, a cave etc.
- Junk model the Taj Mahal.
- Research the Taj Mahal- write a diary entry of a visit
- Diwali; The Festival of Lights is celebrated by Hindus in India and all around the world in October or November. Card games are played. Can you find a card game to play with your family?
- During Diwali, new clothes and jewellery are worn. Can you design your Diwali party outfit?
- Create a travel poster of key places to visit in India.
- Plan a week long trip to India. How long would it take you to get there? What would it cost for flight, accommodation, food, souvenirs. Where would you go in India? How far is India from your house to the hotel you would stay in? What would your budget need to be?
- Around 1.2 Billion people live in India, how does that compare to the United Kingdom? What mathematical method can you use to show the difference?
- The currency used in India is called Rupee, How many Rupee's are in £1.00?
- The Indian flag has to be made from a special fabric called Khadi. Each of the colours represent something different. Orange, white, green and the Ashoka Chakra in the centre. Can you find out what?
- Make/cook Indian food as a family.
- Make bangles using card, sequins, ribbons.
- Learn some traditional Indian games - chess or Pachisi.
- Make a passport and as each Country is covered, draw the Countries flag into the passport.
- Cook an Indian dish with an adult- take a picture!
- Listen to children's music from India
- Look at festivals/celebrations (birthdays, weddings)
- Research landmarks /traditional clothing and then try drawing them
- Make a list of things to do/see in India
- What sport would you associate with the country?
- Who is the Prime minister?
- What temperatures can it reach in India?