

Reception February 2019  
**Parent information for: Bollywood Beats**

**In: Physical Development:**

The children will develop control and co-ordination when moving their bodies in time to the music. They will learn to move confidently and in a range of new ways as they learn traditional Bollywood and bhangra dance moves.

**In: Understanding the World:**

The children will learn about India and how its geographical features and culture is different or similar to our own. We will be thinking specifically about food, school, clothing, animals, climate and housing.

**In: Communication and language &**

**LITERACY:** We will be learning and writing facts about India. The children will also be creating their own Indian menu and labelling pictures of animals from India.

India is a place of festivals, colours, sounds and experiences.

This project is an ideal opportunity for the children to experience and appreciate different cultures and festivals, discussing the similarities and differences. The children will learn the art of Bollywood dancing and explore how their bodies can move. They will gain an appreciation of the features of Indian dance moves as well as sequencing their own dance for the outcome. As part of our project we will be hosting an 'India Day' on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January. The children will be tasting a variety of traditional foods from India, they will experience Bollywood and bhangra dancing and also get creative by creating their own Rangoli and Mehndi art.

**Learning Value: Collaboration**

We will be learning to listen to each other and share ideas. We will work together to choreograph a unique Bhangra dance routine which we will perform as a class to the rest of Reception. We will have to make sure we are in time and dancing in unison and rely on each other for the right cues to come into the dance or stop at the right time.

**Project Vocabulary**

*Please ensure your child learns these to encourage them to use them correctly in school.*

India	country	continent
Rangoli	Henna	Sari
Mehndi	Bhangra	Bollywood naan
Bhaji	Poppadum	Samosa

**Linked books**

Any non-fiction texts which share information about India and its geography and its culture.

**Key information:**

As part of this project the children will be choreographing and performing a bhangra dance routine. For the performance we will be looking at Bandhani tie dye, and creating our tie dye t-shirts to perform the dance in. We also ask that you provide your child with **a plain white t-shirt** which we can then use to dye. Please bring this into school **ASAP** and make sure it is labelled clearly.

Please bring in the **plain white t-shirt** by **8th<sup>th</sup> February 2018**. Our performance will take place on the **1<sup>st</sup> March** and we be recording this through Tapestry so you will be able to watch our awesome Bhangra moves.