To India and Beyond! Year 5 Topic Snapshot.



Key vocabulary/knowledge:

1) Himalayas: A vast mountain range that runs along the Northern edge of India, bordering with Nepal. Mount Everest (the highest mountain in the world) is in the Himalayas.

2) Ganges: The Ganges river runs through India and Bangladesh. It provides essential water for India, is home to endangered wildlife and is a sacred river to Hindus.

3) Climate: The average weather in a place over a long time, not just day to day! Temperature, rainfall, snowfall, and wind all make up a location's climate.

4) Terrain: The terrain means what an area of land is like. India's terrain is very mixed — mountains, jungles, deserts and coasts.

5) Culture: The things that are typically associated with a society such as food, art, clothing, music, religion, traditions and customs.

Key India Facts:

Location: South Asia, surrounded by China, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Bhutan. It is also surrounded by The Bay of Bengal, the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea.

The capital city is New Delhi but the largest city is Mumbai.

Over 1.2 billion people live in India—that is 20 times more than in the UK!

Hindi is the main language in India but most people speak English too.

The main religion is Hinduism.

Cows are seen as sacred in India; these animals wander freely on the streets!