

## Literacy

During this term the children will be basing their writing on this term's topic: the Mayans. We will be beginning with adventure stories, developing descriptions and working on engaging an audience.



**Please continue to read the reading scheme books or other reading books at home, asking your child questions about the texts.**

## Numeracy

The children will be consolidating their learning on the four operations of mathematics and applying their knowledge of times tables and division facts. Following this they will be learning about Fractions, Decimals and Percentages and applying these in different contexts.



## Science: Year 5: 'Animals Including Humans' Year 6: 'Electricity'

In year 5, children will be learning about classifying different animals and about their different life cycles, which will include describing the different stages of human growth and development.

In year 6, children will be exploring the properties and behaviours of electricity, conductors and insulators, and will be exploring the workings of circuits.

## Geography/ History:

Our topic is the Mayans this term. We will be taking the class on a journey through history, learning about the Mayans and their enigmatic culture, stories and structures.

## ICT:

The children will be Artists and Market Researchers (years 5 and 6 respectfully), whereby they will learn how to fuse geometry and art in technology – taking inspiration from the work of Escher, Riley and traditional Islamic artists – and researching the app market for trends and gaps – analysing the data they obtain and presenting their findings.



## RE: 'Hinduism' and 'Whose World is it Anyway?'

The children will learn about the different religions that make up our community and will be exploring the wisdom and teachings that other cultures can share.



## Design and Technology:

The children in Years 5 and 6 will be creating 3D structures in the form of Mayan temples, taking inspiration from the architecture and artistry of the Mayan City States.

## Art:

Children in Year 5 will be looking at different uses of colour to express mood through a variety of media and will be developing their use of line, tone and shade. Children in Year 6 will be looking closely at the Mayan art style, and will be creating a dynastical tablet depicting their own adventures in the Maya mythological history.



### **Music:**

The children will continue their learning through the Charanga scheme. Year 5 and 6 will be doing their respective units on Classroom Jazz and will be exploring improvisation, pitch, pulse and manipulation of rhythm.



### **P.E.**

PE lessons will typically be on Wednesday and Friday for Year 5 and Tuesdays and Wednesdays for Year 6. This term we will be beginning our learning of gymnastics, working on movement sequences including rolls and balances. We will be developing their evaluation skills to improve their individual and group performances.

Please make sure you have the correct kit for both indoor and outdoor lessons.



### **PSHE** (Personal, Social, Health Education):

In PSHE, Mr Currell will be delivering the Apple's Friends material each week.

### **Guided Reading and Spellings:**

The children will be taking part in guided reading sessions and will be given spellings to learn. These spellings will then be tested. Please continue to help your children learn all of their spellings and write 6 sentences using their choice of words from the list.

### **Homework:**

Homework will be set by the class teacher on a Wednesday. Year 6 will be focussing on practising their reasoning and exam technique. Please can all homework be handed in on a Monday.

# Years 5 and 6



# Curriculum

## *The Mayans*

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