



Findern Primary School

Hazel Class Curriculum

Newsletter

Summer 1 2018

How does your garden grow  
Ancient Civilisations (Mayans)



## Cross curricular theme:

How does your garden grow?

### Ancient Civilisations – the Mayans

Through a cross-curricular approach to our learning, we will be looking at two topics. We will be learning about plants and also about the ancient civilization of The Mayans. We will be looking at who the Mayans were and where they lived, at the Mayan religion and Gods, the impact the Mayan civilisation had on exploration and discovery, the Mayan number system and writing and food.

## English



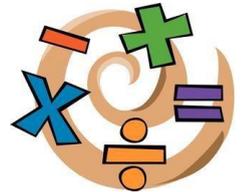
This half-term our feature texts are

- The Flower by John Light
- What is Pink by Christina Rossetti
- The Child's Garden of Hope by Michael Foreman

Through these texts we will be giving an opinion with reason, and listening to other opinions. We will be identifying plots and looking at a character in depth, particularly inferring characters feeling from their thoughts and actions. We will also be looking at different forms of poetry and exploring the effect of the words and language chosen. In our writing we will be writing descriptive settings, writing narratives, improving the effectiveness of our writing and applying our grammar and vocabulary .

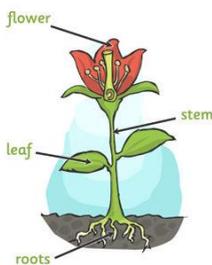
## Mathematics

This half-term we will be looking at fractions and geometry- the properties of shapes. In our fraction work we will be recognising fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, comparing and ordering fractions and solving fraction based problems. In our shape work we will recognizing angles as a property of shape or a description of a turn. We will be looking at horizontal, vertical, perpendicular and parallel lines. We will also be drawing and making 2d and 3D shapes.



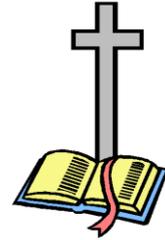
## Science

Our science work this term links to our English focus texts about flowers and plants We will be looking at different types of plants and naming their parts and learning about their functions. We will be investigating what plants need to grow, water transportation, life cycles and flowers.



## **RE**

During this half term we will be looking at Worship, pilgrimage and special places and also considering why pilgrimage is important to some religious believers.



## **PE**



In PE we will be developing our skills as hockey players. We will be developing our skills in using a hockey stick and will be looking at dribbling, passing, shooting and attacking play.



## **Art**

Our art work will also link to our English focus of plants. We will be looking at how plants were used by Victorian painters and particularly looking at the work of William Morris. We will be completing lots of observational drawings and use these and some work using computers to be a focus to some printing work.

We have had a very good start to the summer term and I have been made very welcome by the children, staff and many of you. I look forward to getting to know the children better and working with them for the rest of the academic year.

## **Just a few reminders**

PE - is on Friday, so please ensure PE kits are in school . It is always helpful for them to be in school all week, as it gives some flexibility for when the weather improves.

Homework – will be set every Friday on Mathletics and Bug Club. Please ensure your child is logging on and completing the tasks. The children are also given spellings on a Friday and these are tested the following week.