



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Creative Curriculum

'Temple of Doom' is this term's topic, which will allow Year 6 to learn more about the wider world through the investigation of the Ancient Mayan Civilisation. The children will find out who the Mayans were and identify and locate the continent and countries where they used to live.

The children will investigate the daily life of the Mayans and explore typical foods, such as avocados, chocolate and maize. They will also look in depth at some of their greatest achievements.

Why not find out about Chichen Itza, Ancient Astronomy or the Maya Calendar with your child?

In the tradition of the Maya, Year 6 will be weaving designs following patterns symbolizing rain, animals, earth and growth using cross-stitch. They will also design and make Day of the Dead sugar skull masks.



English

Linking with our topic, the children will write a non-chronological report on Mexico and also a persuasive holiday advert for this popular holiday destination. They will study the Ancient Mayan Myth, "*The Hero Twins*" and use this to write their own. Using digital media, *Blackface*, children will explore a jungle setting.

Throughout the term, the children will be practising grammar and punctuation skills, so that they can use these in their independent writing. Spelling patterns will be reinforced through handwriting and will be extended through homework.

Please continue to hear your child read at home three times a week for at least ten minutes and then ask them questions about the stories or texts that they have read.



Science



In Science, Year 6 will be investigating how to stay healthy. This will involve finding out what a healthy lifestyle actually means. They will find out about the impact of smoking and the importance of a balanced diet. The children will complete investigations linked to breathing, heart rate and exercise. Comparisons will be made with athletes of today.

Mathematics

As the term begins, the children will be working on fractions, decimals and percentages. They will be revisiting strategies to solve one and two-step word-problems and applying their skills in a range of situations for example when measuring liquids, using the measures of litres and millimetres.

They will continue to practise mental strategies to support basic calculations. Times tables need to be thoroughly learned so that they can be applied to a range of questions quickly and accurately.

Linked to our Science topic of a Healthy Lifestyle, children will be drawing and interpreting graphs of pulse rates before, during and after exercise.



Enrichment



To immerse the children in the topic, a Mexican theme day will be held.

Important Dates & Information

SATs week:

• **Monday May 13th. Writing SATs continues until 30th June.** Please ensure your child attends school each day during SATs week and has excellent attendance throughout the year.