

Year 6 – Spring Term

Magnificent Mayans



In this topic, our humanities lessons will enable us to learn all about the life of the Maya civilization in central America. We will be learning who the Mayans were, where they lived, how their calendar worked, how they farmed and traded goods, about their beliefs, their system of writing, and the impact that the physical geography of the land had on them.

As scientists, our topic for this term is 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. We will describe how living things are classified into broad groups and how these can be subdivided based upon their characteristics, similarities and differences. We will use and create classification keys and diagrams to identify some animals or plants in our immediate environment and from around the world. As we learn about the impact of global warming, the children will complete their own non-chronological report about the plight of the polar bear. The topic finishes up with a study of scientist Carl Linnaeus. Our Term 4 unit of science is entitled 'Working Scientifically', and it enable the children to conduct a group investigation/experiment as part of Science Oxford's 'Big Science Event'. The project will allow the children to write predictions, gather data, come to conclusions, and share their findings with their classmates.

ENGLISH

Our main text over the coming weeks will be 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. This fascinating story serves up fantastic opportunities to write our own narrative and descriptive pieces, create persuasive holiday brochures, and to write a balanced discussion text about the dangers of travelling around the world. We will also be reading Armin Greder's thought-provoking picture book, using it as inspiration for a sequel written in complete contrast to the original text. Our English lessons will also provide plenty of opportunities for the children to prepare for their forthcoming assessments in reading and spelling, punctuation and grammar.

RE

Our Christianity focus will explore the concept of eternal life, what the Bible tells us about life after death, the strength of Christianity over 2000 years after Jesus' life and how might we stand up for our beliefs.

MATHS

In maths lessons we will continue to follow the White Rose guidance and will be focusing on the following areas:

- Fractions
- Converting Measurements
- Ratio
- Algebra
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Area and Volume

SCHOOL THEME

Dreams and Goals

Healthy Me

DT

Children will enjoy designing a playground featuring a variety of different structures, giving consideration to how the structures will be used and effective and ineffective designs.

COMPUTING

In term 3 we will explore coding and computer programming using Python Turtle. Online safety will focus on online bullying and online reputation, using the project evolve.

SMSC

To appreciate the similarities and differences in aspirations between myself, my peers and young people in other cultures.

PSHE

Our Jigsaw terms coverage will include: dreams and goals for the future, helping to make a difference, being responsible, mental health and well-being, managing stress and anxiety, exploitation and peer pressure.

MUSIC and ART

From the Ancient Maya to modern-day street art, children look at how artists convey a message. Exploring imagery, symbols, expressive mark making, and 'chiaroscuro' children consider audience and impact to create powerful drawings to make their voices heard.

PE

Using our new scheme of work for PE, over the coming weeks the children will develop the skills associated with badminton, before moving on to a unit of netball, learning about footwork, passing and positions. Pupils will learn the rules and play short games.

LANGUAGES

Year 6 will continue to have weekly Mandarin lessons with their specialist teacher (Mrs Yin) from Bartholomew School.

