

English

Reading.

Our class reader is 'The Well of Sacrifice', which details everyday life in the culture of the Ancient Mayan people. We shall be discussing character and plot as well as some of the central themes of the book.

In preparation for our SATs we will be reading a variety of text excerpts and asking and answering questions about them. This will give us opportunities to practise retrieval, inference and deduction skills and to think about how choices made by authors affect readers.

Writing.

We shall be writing in different ways for different purposes this half term. Our ICT will combine with writing in the form of a non-chronological report presented as a multi-modal text. In science we shall use our skills to write formally using the passive voice.

In Art we will be evaluating our Degas pictures while we shall be writing free verse which incorporates figurative language in English.

Spelling.

We shall continue to work hard on the families of words on the 5/6 list.

Grammar.

In the first half of the term we shall be revising our work so far in preparation for the SATs, while in half term 2 we shall carry our self and peer moderation of our writing. This will help us to understand our strengths and areas for development in English.

Maths

Number.

We shall be doing a great deal of work to prepare for our SATs, revisiting and practising place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, percentages, fractions and decimals. We shall do this in two ways: plain arithmetic and solving everyday problems in words using all the areas of number.

Other areas.

Again we shall revisit all other areas of maths, refreshing our skills and deepening our understanding as we go. New work will include ratio and proportion, algebra and using scale factors.

Our Theme is The Mystery of the Mayans

Learning Web—core subjects

Science

Knowledge.

We shall learn about how light travels and how our eyes see.

Working scientifically.

Investigate the relationship between light sources, objects and the shape of the shadows they cast.

Skills.

To predict, take measurements and use our observations and results to make generalisations.

Ways You can help at home.....

- Continue to support your child's reading by asking questions about characters, plots and the author's use of language and vocabulary.
- Help your child to check their homework and make sure that they are using the study guides provided when unsure.
- Make sure that your child has their home/school book signed on Friday mornings and that homework is handed in on time.
- Ensure that P.E. Kits are in school when needed.

R.E.

P.E.

Our PE lessons this term will be based on the sport of tennis. We shall practise and refine our racket and ball skills, learn some of the rules of the game and play short singles and doubles games. We shall also be taking part in athletics activities in preparation for our annual sports day.

Art and Design.

In the second half term we shall be designing and making props, posters and programmes for our end of year play.

P.S.H.E.

Using our whole class reader, *The Well of Sacrifice*, as a prompt, we shall be discussing the ways that people behave today and the ways they have behaved in the past. We will think about the morality of things such as sacrifice and the pros and cons of following rules without questioning their purpose.

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Music.

We shall continue to practise our recorder playing, extending our skills by learning to read simple tunes presented in standard musical notation. In addition to this we will be learning a range of songs as part of our end of year performance.

Humanities.

In Humanities we shall be studying the Mayan civilisation to provide a contrast with British History. We shall study the nature of ancient civilisations and begin to recognise the characteristic features of this past non-European society. By carrying out independent research we will come to understand how we know about the past and why contrasting arguments and views about the past have been constructed.

I.C.T.

We shall revisit online safety, paying particular attention to vloggers and uploading videos to the internet. Using our topic, *The Mayans*, as our inspiration, we shall design and create multi-modal texts inserting hyperlinks, images and sounds. We will be using a variety of resources, including the internet and search engines, to carry out our research.

French.

None this half term.