

ENGLISH

We are looking at

As readers and writers, we are learning about:

- the Mayan creation story
- using and identifying ambitious vocabulary
- adverbial phrases and how to build cohesion across paragraphs
- dialogue and how this can convey characters thoughts and feelings
- using expanded noun phrases to develop description
- passive and active verbs
- organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining]
- cohesion within and across paragraphs using cause and effect adverbs

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are looking at 'Transformation' and 'Freedom and Responsibility'.

As spiritual people, we are learning about:

- knowing and understanding about transforming energy
- Pentecost, the celebration of the Spirit's transforming power
- knowing and understanding Freedom involves responsibility
- knowing and understanding God's rules for living freely and responsibly-the commandments



Please ensure children are reading for 30 minutes daily and watch the phonics videos weekly. Reading Journals are checked weekly. Seesaw will be updated weekly. All homework is on Seesaw. We appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

MUSIC

We are looking at

As musicians, we are learning about:

- traditional Japanese Musical instruments
- Identifying world music instruments
- singing traditional Japanese songs
- keyboards and pitched percussion
- improvise using In and Yo scales
- music for Japanese spring festival

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We are looking at athletics and swimming

As athletes, we are learning about:

- demonstrating good control, strength, speed and stamina in a variety of athletic events
- effectively pacing ourselves over a variety of running distances
- peer collaboration and working as a team
- setting up an orienteering course
- swimming competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- using a range of strokes effectively
- performing safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

EDUCATION FOR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

As children of God, we are learning about:

- the benefits of being active on our mental health
- the effects and risks of alcohol on a person's body and brain
- how the media and adverts influence choices people could make
- what might persuade someone to make unhealthy or risky choices
- How we grow my skills to safely resist peer pressure

ART and D.T.

This half-term in DT, the children will be creating a selection of totem animal masks. This collage-based project explores shape, pattern and symmetry and is inspired by the Totem animals of North America.

As artists, we are learning to:

- cut a range of materials with precision and accuracy
- produce annotated sketches to develop and communicate ideas



HISTORY

We are looking at 'The Mayan Civilization':

As historians, we will learn about:

- understanding the key features and achievements of the Maya civilisation.
- how the Maya were able to thrive in their environment.
- how people's everyday lives vary depending on status within past societies by studying the Mayan Queen Lady K'abel.
- the discovery of the funerary mask of Pacal.

MATHS

We are looking at shape and decimals.

As mathematicians, we are learning about:

- classifying and estimating angles
- measuring angles up to 180 degrees.
- drawing lines and angles accurately.
- angles on a straight line and around a point.
- finding lengths and angles in shapes
- regular and irregular polygons.
- the properties of 3D shapes.
- reading and plotting co-ordinates
- translation with co-ordinates
- finding lines of symmetry
- reflection in horizontal and vertical lines
- using known facts to add and subtract decimals within 1
- Finding complements to 1

SCIENCE

We are looking at living things and their habitats.

As scientists, we are learning about:

- understanding that different species have different life cycles
- explaining the main stages in the life cycles of a butterfly
- how animals have adapted to their environment (rainforest)
- how plants have adapted in the rainforest
- constructing and interpreting food chains
- the threat caused to Earth by deforestation
- our key scientist George Washington Carver

