

## English

In English, we will continue to build upon our writing skills through our Talk4Writing approach. Our fictional piece of writing this half term will focus on integrating dialogue into our stories to strengthen our characters and conversations. We will consolidate our understanding of grammar and punctuation to write accurate stories. In Talk for Reading, we will complete our current book, Wolf Brother, and progress to our final chapter book of the year, Tom's Midnight Garden.

## Mathematics

This term in maths we will begin by developing our multiplication and division skills using area models, written methods and multiplication problems. We will also learn to divide with remainders and become efficient in our dividing methods. Towards the end of this half term, we will deepen our understanding of fractions by looking at fractions of amounts, using our multiplication skills to multiply mixed numbers and integers. Our maths lessons will continue to be full of practical and investigative activities, and see more 'Challenge Tuesday' lessons to consolidate our problem solving skills.

## History

On our journey back to the Ancient Mayan times, we will use our chronology, enquiry and analysis skills to gain a comprehensive understanding of what it was like to live in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. We will begin by looking at the Mayan in the context of our ancient timeline and then explore the lives of the people of Maya. Throughout the unit, the children will reflect on the impact of the Maya on the world that we know today.

## Art and Design

In DT, we will be reflecting upon the significance of weaving in Ancient Maya and creating our own Mayan Weave. In art, the children will use mosaics to create a Mayan mask, produce a Bonampak mural and design and create their own clay Mayan Steele.

## Class 5 Spring 2023

This half term, we are going to be exploring the history of the ancient Mayans through our topic:

# Marvellous Mayans!

Here is what we will be learning...

## Science

This half term, we are learning about magnetism and how this is used in everyday objects. Our science lessons will be practical and investigative as the children answer questions including 'Why do magnets have two poles?' and 'How are magnets useful in an everyday context?'

## RE

This term we will focus on the question 'Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?'

## PSHE

In PSHE we will focus on 'Relationships'. We will begin by reflecting on who we are as a person and understand that belonging to an online community can have positive and negative consequences. We will explore the rights of an online community and understand how to stay safe when using technology.

## Physical Education

In PE this half term, we will be playing rounders outside. Through fun and engaging small group drills, the children will develop their throwing, catching, batting and bowling skills in preparation for rounders matches. Once mastered, the children will apply these to whole rounders games, integrating tactics and skill to develop our effective game play.

## Languages

In French, the children will continue to look at French across the world and focus on nationalities and languages through fun speaking and listening activities.

## Computing

In computing, we will be developing our understanding of online safety and search engines. Tying in appropriately with PSHE, we will look at the positive and negative aspects of online communication, how information is shared on apps and how technology can affect our wellbeing.

## Music

We will be looking at performing in music this half term, progressing from playing in two, three and four parts. The children will work in groups to compose and perform their pieces and appraise the creations of their peers. At the end of the unit, we will look at professional music and develop our descriptive skills.

## How you can help

Please continue to read with your child as regularly as possible and support them to learn their spellings. It is also important that the children continue to embed their times tables by practising them at home and in school. Our PE days are **Thursdays** and **Fridays** – please ensure the children have their PE kit in school on these days. Please see additional email regarding our DT project.