



Spring Term Class Newsletter

Year 6

What we are reading this term:

Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans; Rain Player by David Wisiewski; History in Infographics: Maya by Jon Richards and Jonathan Vipond; Percy Jackson by Rick Riordan; Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly; and The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger.

Home reading: Please listen to your child read at least three times per week for around 15 minutes and record it in their school diary. Reading is one of the most important things a child can do as it is the key to accessing the whole curriculum. Your child should read a wide variety of books, not just the school reading scheme. A list of recommended reads is available on our website which can be found at the library. Diaries must be signed by an adult after each read.

What we are learning this term

<p>English Using the texts from above children will create: newspaper reports; formal and informal letters; diaries; an analytical essay, discussion texts; narratives (additional chapter and own version); and poetry in the form of an ode.</p>	<p>Maths This term, children will be: Multiplying and Dividing decimals, understanding the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages, finding and using algebraic rules for problem solving, using the four quadrants for translation and reflection problems, converting and calculating metric and imperial measures, investigating perimeter, area and volume of 2D and 2D shapes and learning how to solve ratio and proportion problems.</p>	<p>Science <u>Animals:</u> Children will learn about the circulatory system, healthy life styles and the transportation of nutrients and water. <u>Evolution:</u> Children will learn about fossils and how living things have changed over time and will look at adaptation and variation.</p>
<p>History <u>Why did the ancient Maya change the way they lived?</u> Children will research the ancient Mayans with an emphasis on why they deserted their jungle homes.</p>	<p>Geography <u>Central America</u> (linked to history) Children will use atlases to locate countries and capital cities and interpret a variety maps that show: landscapes, altitude, rainfall and climate. <u>Why are mountains so important?</u> Children will be introduced to the physical and human importance of mountains. They will learn the key concepts of physical geography such as plate tectonics and the formation of different rock types, as well as erosion and geological deep time.</p>	<p>Religious Education <u>How are Faith Communities represented in the UK? Children will...</u> Explore the different faith communities represented in the UK, considering diversity and the challenges they face. <u>How do Christians follow Jesus? Children will...</u> Explore the concepts of temptation and sacrifice in their own life, looking at Christian lifestyles and celebrations.</p>
<p>Art and Design <u>Create and Print</u> Children will learn about Mayan Glyphs and create their own. They will then use printing techniques to produce their artwork.</p>	<p>Design Technology <u>Design Mayan Sculpture</u> Children will design and create a sculpture in the style of Mayan designs. These sculptures were representations of past kings for them to be remembered throughout history.</p>	<p>Computing <u>Spreadsheet Unit and Applying Skills</u> Children will learn how to perform numerical operations using spreadsheets and will progress to solving problems using this programme.</p>
<p>PSHE <u>Relationships: Healthy Relationships</u> This includes children looking at positive friendships by learning how to solve common issues. They will look at negotiation and compromise between peers and will also learn how to be assertive in situations involving peer pressure.</p>	<p>PE Will be every Friday afternoon. This term, children will be focusing on: ball skills, gymnastics, dynamic balance and games.</p>	<p>Music <u>Make You Feel My Love.</u> As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other pop ballads. <u>The Fresh Prince of Bel Air.</u> All the learning is focused around one song: The Fresh Prince of Bel Air.</p>
<p>Spanish <u>Los Animales:</u> Children will learn 10 animals with a focus on the spelling of the animal noun and using the correct article. <u>Los instrumentos.</u> Children will learn ten instruments in Spanish; remember the words for at least five instruments and their correct gender in Spanish, unaided.</p>	<p>Homework and notices <i>Regular access to Reading Plus must be prioritised in order to enhance fluency and understanding. Pupils should also select one challenge per week from the Homework Challenges sheet. These challenges should be returned no later than a Thursday.</i> Toast and Milk Toast is 20p per day & milk 25p per day. They are paid for on a half-termly basis and can be ordered via the Evolve System.</p>	

Events this term

- Safer Internet Day is Tuesday 11th February 2020
- World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March 2020