

What are we learning about this term?

Theme

Our theme this term is 'Magnificent Mayans'. We will be exploring the Mayans, reading a selection of stories from other cultures and making a geographical comparison of the UK and Mexico. Our themes for collective worship this term are Trust and Service.

English

We will read the texts 'Hero Twins' and 'The Chocolate Tree' and respond by:

- Writing poetry.
- Writing myths and legends.
- Developing play scripts.
- Evaluating texts.
- Creating story boards.
- Writing Newspaper reports.

We will also complete a selection of 100 Word Challenges which enable independent, free writing on a range of topics.

As readers we will read and respond to:

- First News Newspapers.
- Free choice of book within individual ZPD range followed by an AR quiz.

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KS2 - Year 5

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Mathematics

We will cover the following topics:

- Number and place value.
- Recognise and read Roman Numerals.
- Addition and subtraction - using mental and written methods. Solve multistep problems.
- Multiplication and division - multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. Identify factors and multiples of numbers. Recognise square and cubed numbers.
- Statistics - reading and interpreting tables including timetables.
- Measurement - perimeter and area. Calculate and compare area of rectangles and irregular shapes.
- Continue to learn and use multiplication facts through Club Tables and Total Recall.

Science and Foundation subjects:

- As scientists we will compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. We will investigate the importance of forces, explaining why unsupported objects fall towards Earth and identify the effects of resistance and friction.
- In Religious Education, we will focus on Christianity and the fundamental Christian belief of the existence of God and his role Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- As historians, we will explore the Mayan era and discover their significance in history.
- As geographers, we will use mapping skills to locate Mexico and compare Mexico to the UK.
- As artists and designers, we will design and make a Mayan inspired mask.
- When using technology, we will use Scratch to programme and debug scripts. Also, we will focus on the importance of e-safety and develop our knowledge of the features of Microsoft programmes.
- As musicians, we will be exploring cyclic patterns. This involves exploring rhythm and pulse in a variety of different styles of music. The children will be creating rhythmic patterns and learning to write them down. We will also be looking at and learning Christmas songs.
- As linguists we will continue to develop our confidence in French, developing both written and spoken skills.
- In PE, we will be experiencing dance and developing our own Mayan inspired dance sequences and routines.
- In PSHE, we will discover the importance of communicating effectively and participating with others. We will develop our self-awareness.

Class Routines

- Planners need to be brought into class every day. These should be signed by an adult at least three times each week showing your involvement with your child's reading.
- Children will record their spelling test score in their Planner. Planners need to be signed every week to acknowledge these scores have been seen at home.
- Children are encouraged to complete AR book quizzes regularly in school and at least every fortnight.
- Spellings lists and tests will be given weekly (Monday).
- A 'Work at Home' activity and Maths homework activity will be set on a Wednesday to be returned on the date specified. Activities will cover a variety of subjects throughout the term.
- PE will be on a Wednesday (5D) and Thursday (5J) and Sport on Friday afternoon.
- Forest School will be a Monday (5J) and Thursday (5D).