

ENGLISH

Our class novel this term is 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J.K. Rowling. We will be using this text as a basis for our whole class reading, focusing on skills including clarifying, retrieval, summarising, evaluating and inferring, predicting and explaining language and structure. Our writing genres will be letters, instructions and narratives. Through these writing units, we will be covering a variety of aspects of the USK2 punctuation and grammar curriculum.

TOPIC

Through our topic, we will build our knowledge of the chronology of British and World History, use a range of sources to find historical evidence about the Ancient Maya, present human and physical features on maps and discover more about the writing and maths systems used in Maya times.

SCIENCE

In science, we will be looking at properties of materials. We will investigate the hardness, absorbency and insulating properties of materials within the context of a music festival. In particular, we will be focusing on fair testing and reliability.

P.E.

On **Monday afternoons**, the children will be introduced to Quidditch – which links nicely to our class novel! Luckily, this version does not require flying on broomsticks and is a non-contact sport!

MUSIC

Year 5 will learn to play a musical instrument as part of the music programme ran by Ms. J. Morter.

Years 5 and 6

Spring Term 1: Marvellous Maya

R.E.

In RE, we will be finding out about the religious beliefs of the Maya people, including their perspective on the creation story. In addition, we will discover what historical evidence tells us about religious festivals in the Maya civilisation and use drama to explore this further.

MATHS

Year 5 will be focusing on formal written methods of multiplication and division before moving onto fractions, decimals and percentages.

Year 6 will be learning about position and direction (translation, reflection and rotation) as well as fractions, decimals and percentages later on in the term.

Our 'On The Boil' targets this term are:

Y5: divide with remainders

Y6: converting fractions to decimals (and vice versa)

P.S.H.E.

In PSHE, our topic is 'Say No to Bullying'. Through this unit, the children will be reflecting on how we can use our social, behavioural and emotional skills to tackle bullying. This will be taught through discussion, debate, art and drama.

COMPUTING

Computing will be taught as part of our topic this term – we will be using search engines to research images of the Maya region and use websites to play interactive games based on the Maya number system. In February, we will draw our attention to 'Internet Safety Week'.