

# What's happening in Year 5 & 6?

## Our theme - The Ancient Mayan Civilisation

This term we are learning about The Mayans. We will cover the following individual subjects as part of our theme learning:

**History** - We will be learning about Mayan buildings, writing and traditions. As well as the part Hernan Cortes played in the discovery of the above. We will compare our lives today with the lives of the Ancient Maya people.

**Geography** - We will be finding out about the location of the Ancient Maya and comparing it with other parts of the world, including the UK.

**Design Technology** - We will be designing a product, which includes a pulley, to lift bricks to the top of a Mayan temple.

**Computing** - We will be learning how to safely search the internet and to create a scratch simulation of the solar system.

**Art** - We will be creating traditional sugar skull designs.

**Science** We will be investigating the properties of chocolate and finding out how it can change 'state'.

**Music** - We will be learning to use musical notations.

**Religious Education** - We will be learning about the people of God and looking at the Key Stories of the Old and New Testament in Autumn 1. In Autumn 2, Y6 will look at Was Jesus the Messiah? Y5 will be looking at What kind of king is Jesus.

**French** - We will be building our knowledge of how to build sentences in French.

**PSHE** - We will be learning about feelings, behaviour and how to manage them. We will also be learning about how we can show respect.

## Forest Classroom

This term for our outdoor learning the children will be becoming archaeologists, writing poems, playing games to strengthen their team working skills, they will be learning about the solar system and creating their own compost.

## English

**Reading** We will be reading a text together and discussing the meaning of unknown words in context, using prediction skills to discuss what may happen next in the text and summarising what we have read to show understanding.

This half term we will be reading:

Mrs Khan's class will be reading *The Graveyard Book*.

Miss Johnson and Mrs Edinboro's class will be reading *Kensuke's Kingdom*.

Mrs Connor's class will be reading *Hero on a Bicycle*

Miss Fraser's class will be reading *Holes*.

**Writing** We will be writing a range of genres including creating characters, setting descriptions, instructions and myths.

In Year 6 we will be writing a setting descriptions and creating a persuasive argument, as well as writing a set of instructions and a letter of complaint.

## Maths

This term we are developing our understanding of Number. We will be looking at the value of digits, beyond 10 000. We will also be developing our calculation strategies and applying what we know to a range of problems. Every lesson will start with Fact Recall, the facts we need to know to be able to progress in our understanding of number - doubles, halves, number bonds, times tables facts are just a few. We will also be developing our understanding of fractions, using this to compare, order and calculate.

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