

English

We will be looking at persuasive texts to see how they are organised and writing our own linked to our class novel 'River Boy'. Through our topic, we will also learn about the differences in biographies and autobiographies with a view to writing about a famous civil rights activist. The children will further develop their skills in narrative writing using the 'Giant's Necklace'.

We are focusing on how to answer comprehension questions for fiction, non-fiction and poetry through various reading activities; alongside developing our inference and deduction skills.

We are going to continue with developing our understanding of passive and active voice, how expanded noun phrases can add to description (e.g. the majestic castle nestled on the mountainside) and how pronouns are used in writing (using the words – e.g. it, she, he, ours, mine).

Science

During this term, we will then begin to learn about the heart, lungs and circulatory system. One of our sessions will include dissecting a heart (more info nearer the time)! Following on from this, we will look more closely into blood and what happens when it travels around the body. Using this information, we will then design investigations so that we have a greater understanding of pulse rate.

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Our topic is 'The Mayans', where we will find out about the ancient Maya civilisation based in Central America.

Maths

Within Mental Maths, we will be focusing on doubling and halving across the place value system. The children will be developing their instant recall of these facts and how they link together.

Children will consolidate their understanding of ratio, including applying this skill into a variety of word problems. In addition, we will look at answering a variety of reasoning problems and decide whether addition, subtraction, multiplication or division (or a combination) is needed in order to answer the question.

We will illustrate and name parts of a circle, including radius, diameter and circumference and then learn about pie charts and how to interpret and construct them.

Children will then learn how to calculate the mean average of a set of data and consolidate their understanding of line graphs.

Computing

Children will practise some key maths skills using Mathletics before researching about the heart and lungs.

Alongside this we will be developing our skills at creating a Scratch animation.

RE

With a focus on Christianity, children will be exploring the question, "Is Christianity still strong after 2000 years?"

PSHE

We will be looking at 'Healthy Me' and learning how to keep ourselves safe in different situations.

Geography & History

As part of our topic, we will look at the physical features of Central America, linking this with the Maya civilisation.

Children will read Mayan myths, learn about Mayan ruins that are still standing today, find out about daily life and Mayan religious beliefs.

PE

In PE with Mr Barnett, children will continue to work on improving their rugby skills. Alongside this we will be developing our gymnastic skills.

Art & DT

In this topic, we will learn weaving skills and children will design and create a bag using wool weaving. We would love any spare wool! In art, we will be developing our printing skills.

Music

In Music we will be continuing to learn how to improvise music using tuned instruments by looking at a variety of songs.

Reminders

This term homework will be in the form of the revision booklets. Each week children will be given specific pages to work through however please can the books come into school each day.