

YEAR 6 LEARNING OVERVIEW

TERMS 1 & 2: The Marvellous Mayans

Reading

Our main texts will be 'Rainforest Warrior' by Anita Ganeri and 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. We will focus on using our retrieval and inference skills as well as practising a range of SATs style questions. We will also dip into other texts linked to our Mayans topic. Please continue to read at home daily and add this to Boom Reader.

Writing

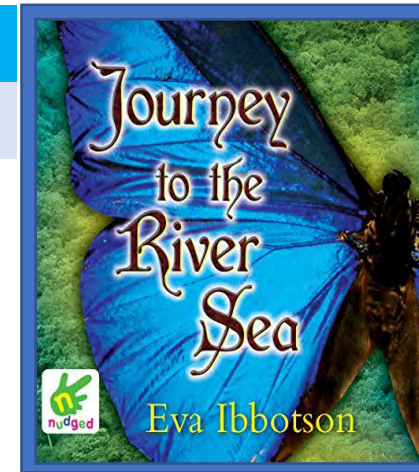
During Terms 1 and 2, we will explore writing in a range of genres. These will include: a travel brochure, narrative, descriptive writing and a fact file. Spelling, grammar and handwriting will also remain a main focus within all of our writing. Please remember to use Emile at home to support spelling development.

Mathematics

In maths this term, the children will be extending their knowledge of place value to include numbers up to 10 million. The children will also work with negative numbers. They will develop their understanding of the four processes: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and solve multi-step problems.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at the heart and the circulatory system including the functions and importance of the heart. We will also look at the reasons a healthy lifestyle is critical for our minds and bodies. We aim to encourage the children to question, formulate ideas and test them in practical work throughout our topic.



History

In history, we will learn about a South American early civilization 'The Mayans'. This provides a contrast to British history. We will look at how they developed the astronomy calendar and writing systems as well as building elaborate pyramids as well as observatories. We will also learn about the different gods and goddesses that they worshipped.

Geography

Pupils will learn about spatial sense as children will develop their skills to read and understand a map. They will learn about how different time zones work across the globe and how this can affect business, trade and communications. In addition to this, they will also learn about the quality of life and standards and how these differ across the globe.

Art & DT

In art, we will look closely at carnival masks and their history in South America. We will then plan and create our own versions.

In DT, we will apply our cooking skills during our planning and making of a delicious Mayan dish of chilli and tortillas.

PE

Throughout Term 1 and 2 the children will learn a variety of key ball skills with the Brighton and Hove Albion PE coaches. The children will also be taking part in gym and dance activities. Please remember that the children need to come to school in full PE kits on Thursdays and Fridays.

MFL

In French, the children will build core language skills by mastering two key verbs, Être (to be) and Avoir (to have). They will then learn to tell the time, progressing from full hours to specific minutes, and apply this knowledge to describe their own daily routines.

PSHE & Computing

This term, we will be focusing on building emotional intelligence and social skills. The children will learn how to face challenges with resilience and understand the role emotions play in their actions. We will be exploring the environmental impact of technology, including how the internet uses energy and the problem of e-waste. We are also learning about emerging technologies like artificial intelligence and how humans can work together with them in the future.

RE

This term in RE, we will be exploring concepts of Love and Forgiveness through a multi-faith lens. We'll also discuss how reconciliation is about making peace after a disagreement and how redemption is the act of being saved from a mistake. Children will also learn about equality and treating everyone the same.

Music

The children will be having weekly samba drumming sessions with specialist music teacher, Grant Allardyce. The children will learn rhythms, explore timbre and texture and create their own compositions.

Creative project Ideas:

- Host a Mayan themed evening for your family
- Design a new flag for a country from the Americas
- Write an adventure story based in the Americas
- Make a 3D model of a section of the Amazon
- Learn some key phrases in Spanish

6 YEAR

**KEY TEXTS
WE READ:**
*Journey to
the River Sea*
by Eva
Ibbotson

*Rainforest
Warrior* by
Anita Ganeri