



# Curriculum Matters



## WELCOME BACK!

Our theme in Year Six this half term is, "What did the Mayans do for us?" This is a history-based topic and the children will explore what archaeologists have discovered about the Mayan way of life and how their civilisation has impacted on the entire world. They will further investigate different roles within Mayan society e.g. kings, merchants and slaves. The children will also locate the Mayan civilisation on a world map, explore the physical geography of Central America including the climate and terrain and compare this to that of the UK. To further enhance this theme, we will be visiting the York Chocolate Factory and take part in workshops linked with the Mayan discovery of chocolate.



## English



Children will read and respond to a selection of **short stories** and stories of different genres, including fantasy stories. We will spend time analysing and investigating features. This focuses on developing the use of narrative devices and features. Children will be encouraged to evaluate and edit their writing with a view to improving it.

Sentence level work will focus on using a range of different sentence types for effect and children will learn to structure their writing to engage the reader. They will learn to use a range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs. Children will also explore an increasing range of punctuation, including: commas, speech marks, colons and dashes.

### English Target:

In narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action.



## Maths

Units of work within mathematics this half term will include:

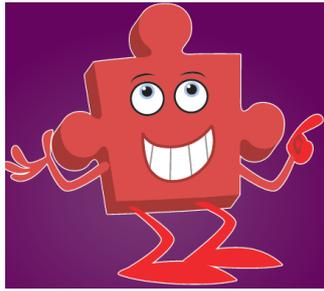
- Read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10 000 000 and determine the value of each digit
- Rounding
- Negative numbers
- Revisit formal methods for addition and subtraction up to 4 digits
- Multiplying and dividing integers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000
- Long multiplication 2 digits by 4 digits

### Mathematics Targets:

Use an efficient formal written method for all four operations in order to solve multi-step problems

## Music

Music lessons with Mrs Stone will continue on Wednesday afternoons and the children will be learning how to play the recorder.



## PSHE

We will be following our new Jigsaw scheme with this half term's focus on what it means to be a citizen, both within our school community and wider afield.

## PE

Tameside Sports Coaches will continue to deliver weekly PE lessons on FRIDAY afternoons.

Please ensure children have their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school. Just a reminder that children with long hair should have it tied back and earrings should be removed.

Children may be outdoors so winter sports clothing would be advised and trainers if possible.



## RE - Christianity

We will look at the Holy Trinity, origins of The Bible and its importance.

## Homework

After discussions with the pupils, homework will continue in the same way as it was set in Year 5.

- Maths will be given out on Friday to be returned on Tuesday.
- English will be given out on Tuesday to be returned on Friday.
- Spellings will be given on a Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday.

Please help your child by checking through their work and encouraging them to produce neat work. Please also remind your child to read regularly as this is an important life skill and has a direct impact on their writing. Many thanks!