



Curriculum Matters



WELCOME BACK!

Our theme in Year 6 this half term is, "The Maya". 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 Maya 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. Additionally, we will be creating some beautiful Mayan art.



English



Children will be reading Weslandia (where the main character creates his own civilisation). They 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 revisiting and securing basic punctuation and grammar skills first. Then we will practise using a range of different sentence types for effect, with the aim of engaging the reader. We will also work on using a range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs. Children will also begin to explore an increasing range of punctuation, including: commas, speech marks, colons and dashes.

English Target:

Describe settings, character, atmosphere and integrate 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 numbers
- 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 of 2 digit numbers by 4 digit numbers.

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.

COMPUTING

This half term we will focus on online safety: understanding dangers online, recognising warning signs and knowing what to do about cyberbullying.

PSHE/JIGSAW

We will be following the 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 deliver weekly PE lessons on FRIDAY afternoons.

Please ensure children wear the appropriate PE clothing on this day: plain white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, black pumps and black trainers for outdoor sessions.

Children with long hair should have this tied back and stud earrings should be removed.

RE



We will look at and compare different world religions.

We will look at the teachings of Jesus and the significance of these for Christians.

Homework



Maths and English

- These will be given out on Friday and should be returned on Wednesday.

Spelling

- This will be given on Thursday and should be returned on Wednesday. A spelling test will be completed on Thursdays.

Please encourage your child to complete homework carefully and neatly and hand in on time. Daily reading should be encouraged as this is an important life skill and has a direct impact on writing development.

Many thanks!