Curriculum Overview Class 4 Spring 2017

As readers, we will continue to develop our comprehension skills and have lots of opportunities to enjoy reading individually, in small groups and as a whole class. We continue to focus on improving the children's knowledge and understanding of grammar, and punctuation skills.

English

As writers we will base our literacy work on our new class read 'Journey to the River Sea'.

Children will write in role as key characters and have the opportunity to write in diary entries and letters as well as debating the issues affecting

Rainforests.
Children will be able to investigate, discuss and write their points of views. We will also write instructions and our own short stories/versions of chapters from our class read.

As communicators we will be 'hot-seating' key characters from Mayan culture to really understand their thoughts, beliefs and culture.

Art & Design

Art of Mexico and the Mayans.

Explore weaving based on Zapotec Blankets

Myanglyph carving using clay and a technique using foil/copper plate and marking to create designs.

Computing

Word processing skills, including the use of a presentation with linked pages

Digital research into the River Amazon or the River Thames

Safer Internet Day

Spreadsheets

The children will access a daily lesson including number work, shape, data handling and measures.
Activities will include games, investigations and exercises. The children will use the four functions of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and will learn how to apply them to worded 'everyday life' problems, choosing the appropriate maths in each situation.

Mathematics

- Place value to million and to thousandths
- Mental addition and subtraction
- Mental multiplication and division
- Measure
- Decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions
- Geometry-property of shape
- Fractions, ratio and proportion

Year 6 will be following a SATs revision programme.

Challenge Friday where a more practical and sometimes kinaesthetic approach to learning maths will be applied. Children will be given a variety of problems to solve from a range of maths areas and songs games and appropriate IT software will often be incorporated in this style of learning.

Design & Technology Geography

The design and construction of Mayan pyramids

Design and make Piñatas

Mexican banquet

Locate Mexico within America and the wider world.

Investigate aspects of Mexican geography and how it has changed since Mayan times

Focus on the geography of Rivers, particularly the Amazon.

Modern

Languages

A week dedicated to the languages of Spain and Portugal

as well as the geography, culture and food of these countries to link with our work on the Mayans and Mexico.

Music

Mayan music
Children of Bury Sing

Some children will have the opportunity to learn the recorder

Science

Electricity (circuits)

Properties of Materials, including how materials change, dissolving, different states of matter, how materials can be separated and linking this to the water cycle in the river topic.

Science Theme Day.

History

Mayans including Mayan costumes, how they ruled the people, what they ate, jobs and houses

Physical

Education

Tag Rugby
Dance
Netball
Cross country

Religious

Education

Women in the Old Testament

Oppositions to Jesus

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