

This half term we will be studying *The Spider and the Fly* and *The Night of the Gargoyles*.

The *Spider and the Fly* and *The Night of the Gargoyles* are picture books. This will support the children in producing their own picture book. We will also be reading some Aztec legends and a traditional Mexican story to help us learn about other cultures.

English Writing.

Children will have the opportunity to create a picture book, a travel guide and their version of a traditional Aztec legend. This will help the children consider why it is important to take ideas from other cultures,

Our English work will be linked to our topic helping the children to deepen their understanding. We feel that if they can be encouraged to write creatively it will help them to picture the World in new ways. All our writing will be linked to a final writing outcome to encourage the children to invest in their writing.

Children will be developing their knowledge of sentence types and lengths to encourage them to use a wide range of sentences in their written work. We will be continuing to focus on increasing our vocabularies by learning new words and embedding them in our language.

English Reading.

Pupils will be analysing key parts of the text. Our focus this term will be on inferring character's thoughts and feelings from the evidence in the text. We feel this will help the children improve their understanding of the story. If you would like to help your child with this at home, ask them how a character is feeling at different points during reading sessions.

Learning Behaviours.

All children at our school have a right to learn and reach their full potential. To encourage our children to continue developing the right attitude towards learning there are systems in place including rewards and sanctions. We always aim to focus on praising the positive behaviour demonstrated. Our dojo system is an effective method of promoting positive behaviour. We are continuing with rewarding children who have behaved well all week and tried their best with golden time on a Friday afternoon. School cinema treats will continue to happen each half term for those children who receive at least 65% positive dojos.

Maths.

The focus for the first two weeks will be on consolidating multiplication and division skills. The following topic is discrete and continuous data. We will then revisit securing multiplication facts. Please encourage your children to practice their times tables as often as possible.

Scientific and technological understanding.

Children will be looking at Electricity and learning how to build circuits. We will be thinking about whether we could survive a day without Electricity.

Geography and History.

We will be learning about Mexico and the Aztecs. This topic work will include learning about the food, religions and culture of Mexicans and learning about what life was like for the Aztecs.

French.

We will be learning the names of family members and talking about our family in French. This will be supported by us learning a song about families and reading about French children and their families. *Pouvez-vous chanter en Francais?*

Art and design

Again linked to our topic, children will be learning about digital art. The artwork will be linked to our Mexico and Aztec topic. We will be experimenting with clay and painting. We will also be learning about traditional Mexican food and preparing a Mexican dish.

PSHE

As part of Jigsaw we will be thinking about 'Dreams and goals'. This will involve thinking about what we might like to achieve in the future and how we can make that happen! Year Five will continue their Citizenship project.

Religious Education

To link with the PSHE Jigsaw programme, we will be following the 'Discovery R.E.' scheme. Each year group will study Christianity and another World Faith throughout the year. This half-term, we will explore the Passover and thinking about the importance of Passover to the Jews.

Family Learning Session.

Thank you to all those who attended our family learning sessions previously. I can not express how much difference it makes. We really value your time and contribution. We will be holding our workshops on

P.E.

One P.E session per week will follow the Real P.E. scheme and one will be on a set topic. In our Real P.E. sessions, we will be concentrating on dynamic balance and agility. Our other P.E. topic will be Hockey. Children will be learning different hockey skills and how these work together within a match.

*** Reminders ***

PE kits

Each week your child will participate in two PE sessions. Children need to bring PE kits to school on Monday and Wednesday Year Five children will be having swimming lessons later in the year. They will need trunks/costumes and a towel. Goggles are optional. More details will follow nearer the time.

The correct PE kit of white t-shirt and black shorts is expected along with appropriate footwear.

School times.

The upper school doors open at 8:30am and close at 9am. The bell rings at 8:55 when the teachers meet the children in the playground. The children begin the day with morning activities that give them the opportunity to consolidate their learning in all areas of the curriculum.

The end of the school is 3:15pm. Gates are opened at approximately 3:10pm.

Morning session: 9.00am-12.15pm

Homework

Homework is given out to all children every Friday and will need to be handed in by the following Friday. Creative homework linked to our topic will be set each half term.

Please can your child also read at home at least three times a week and make sure they bring their planner each day to school with them.

Spellings and times tables will be given out on a Friday for your child to learn ready for a test on Friday.

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If you need to have a word with your child's teacher please arrange an appointment after school when they will be happy to discuss your questions or concerns.



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