

Music -

This term we will explore two genres of music and begin to learn simple notation to accompany our singing with instruments. We will learn to arrange songs to create interest arrangements when performing.

P.E

We will continue to cover our 'REAL PE' curriculum this term alongside team building activities and hockey. We'll practice giving and receiving sensitive feedback.

Homework

- Maths homework is to be completed and returned to school each Monday.
- Reading comprehension to be returned to school each Monday.
- Daily reading to be recorded on Boomreader, TTRS, and spelling practice.

Sapphire Essentials

Having the following in school ensures your child has the best opportunity for a calm, happy and successful day. Thank you!

- Full P.E, kit to be worn on P.E day.
- A named coat and suitable footwear for outside learning.
- A water bottle (no squash/juice) and healthy snacks.
- Spellings learned for a Friday morning spelling test.
- Reading book and reading for pleasure book in every day.

The Ancient Maya

This Autumn term, Sapphire Class step back in time to answer the question:

What was life like in an Ancient Maya

City-state?

Autumn Term Curriculum Information

Sapphire Class

Year 4/5

Miss Clark and Miss Pooley

This term, Sapphire Class will use the topic of The Maya to begin meeting the year 4/5 National Curriculum objectives.

Writing - Our writing during the first half term will be heavily influenced by our class book— *The Curse of the Maya*. We will learn strategies for building suspense in our writing and organisation skills for formatting a newspaper report. In the second half term we will focus on non-fiction writing: producing fact files and persuasive letters.

Mathematics—The big focus for the Autumn term will be place value and number as the children build upon their knowledge from last year to develop these fundamental maths skills. We will improve our maths fluency by practicing mental maths strategies and learn how to calculate length, perimeter and area.

Reading - We will take part in daily guided reading sessions using VIPER skills to develop a deeper understanding of our class text, please see the VIPERS booklet for more information. This term we will be reading *The Curse of the Maya* and *The Explorer* and learning to give precise, evidence-based answers to questions.

Science—Our Science learning sees us focus on living things and their habitats and animals including humans. We will observe animals and plants in their habitats, explore the lifecycles and the reproduction of different animal classes and discuss and describe the changes that happens in humans as they develop from birth to old age.

REAL outcomes - This term, the children will be reaching out in to the community—including local businesses—to inform people how to reduce food miles through their persuasive writing outcomes. We will also be presenting an assembly about Buddhism to families and the school to share what we have learned about what it means to be a Buddhist today.

Art and Design Technology -

In art we will be drawing inspiration from the lithography of José Guadalupe Posada to explore mark making, line and shape while creating our own prints. For DT we will be taking part in the Made in St Day Christmas

PSHE and R.E - We'll focus our PSHE on diversity and community and how to develop respectful relationships and appreciate difference. In RE we will be learning about what it is like to be a Buddhist and Christian beliefs about what kind of person Jesus was.

Computing -

Safe computer use remains at the centre of our teaching as always. This term, we will focus on understanding the terms 'input', 'process' and 'output' to describe systems and we will be creating digital media.

History and Geography - We will be looking at using atlases, globes and satellite images to understand the invisible lines that divide our planet, learning to compare human and physical features of various countries and learning about the sustainability of food miles.

MFL (Spanish)—Sapphire class will be learning more about Spanish phonics sounds to help them to decode new and unfamiliar words. They will learn how to present themselves and discuss the weather.