

Year 6 Spring Term 2 2017 - The Mayans

Science

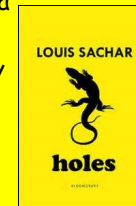
This half term our science focus is 'Living things and their environments'. We have already got off to a flying start with this topic with the children collecting mini beasts from our school garden and we are also going to be learning about the work of Carolus Linneaus who named almost 13,000 plants and animals in his lifetime!



English

Our children have produced so much high quality writing inspired by our text 'Way Home' that we have continued this book over for the first couple of weeks. The children have just finished some excellent newspaper reports inspired by the story and are in the process of turning the picture book into an extended narrative.

We are going to spend the second half of the half-term looking at Louis Sachar's fantastic text 'Holes'. The children really enjoyed his story 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' and we are confident that they will also love this story! We will be writing some non-fiction texts inspired by the ominous sounding 'Yellow-spotted lizards', persuasive writing around 'Camp Green Lake' and an author study.



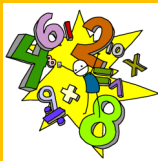
PE

The children loved the skateboarding with Mr Ranson in the first half term and we are delighted to say that this will be continuing for this half term also. They also have PE on a Thursday with Mr Curry so please ensure they have their kits on these days.



Mathematics

As of this term, we will be trialling new Maths groups which should help us to tailor your child's learning experience even further. Topics will include, fractions, algebra, data handling and ratio and proportion.



Theme



Within this half term we will be delving into the ancient world of the Mayan's. Using our enquiry skills we will look into the different areas of Mayan civilisation from its fascinating religious beliefs to the day to day routines of a Maya citizen. To develop the children's understanding we will be building a miniature Mayan settlement. Comparing our modern day world to that of this historical civilisation, will we find any similarities that have stuck through time?



Computing - We are computational thinkers!

In this unit, the pupils participate in some hands-on unplugged activities that help them to develop an understanding of algorithms.

R.E.

Our RE theme for this half term is going to be 'Resurrection'. We will be looking at this concept through the lense of Christianity and looking at texts such as The Chronicles of Narnia.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Spring 2! We have already had a flying start to the first week back with the children already producing some outstanding work! We look forwards to meeting you and discussing your child's progress at the staff meeting.



How Parents/Carers can help at home:

Your child will receive Maths and English homework each week and we would love for you to support them with it. If you would like to do further work with your child, then please come in and speak to us and we will happily provide you with ideas/resources. Also, if you would like any past SATs papers to work on together at home please let us know and we will gladly copy them for you. Furthermore, we really recommend online tools such as Mathletics for developing key skills. We will be holding SATs information sessions on the following dates -

Monday 20th March at 3:15 —3:45

Monday 20th March at 6:00 —6:30

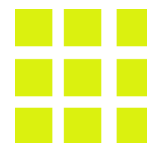
Wednesday 22nd March at 9:00—9:30

A letter containing more information will be sent home soon.

Home learning: We hope that your child is enjoying their revision guides—we are very proud of how much care they are taking of them!

Thank you for all of your support as we are working to get your child 'secondary ready'.

The Year 6 Team



Nine Acres Primary School Spring Term 2

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Parent Information Leaflet

