

Maya

English

This half term, we will be continuing to work hard on basic skills and applying these to our writing, whilst creating commentaries based around wolves and composing narratives based upon suspense

To support this, we will focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar linked to each genre.

We will be looking closely at improving the presentation of our handwriting.

Homework will continue to be set on SPaG.com

Reading

In reading this half term we are going to look at the different vocabulary used within a text and the effect this has on the reader. We will also focus on the key skills of inference and retrieval using the fantastic *Wolf Brother*.

Children are expected to read at home at least **4 times a week for 30 minutes** and get their reading records signed.

Our focus author for this half term:
David Almond

Maths

In maths this half term, the children will be securing their understanding of number and place value, addition and subtraction and moving into multiplication and division.

In line with the maths mastery curriculum, the children will be deepening their understanding and developing their problem solving skills within this area.

The children will continue to use their MyMaths and TT Rockstars for their homework.

Topic

In topic this half term, with a history focus, we will be exploring the life-styles, values and traditions of the Maya.

They will be learning about the chronology of the Maya and how they link to British history, through similarities and differences.

There will be a focus on the drawings of Frederick Catherwood and the city of Chichen Itza.

We will also be working on our DT skills to create a moving toy.



Physical Education In indoor PE, the children will be developing their gymnastics skills and creating sequences with partners.

In outdoor PE, they will be focusing on orienteering skills. **They will need PE kits on Thursdays.**

Computing In computing, the children will work on their programming skills to design, create and debug a maze game.

Music The children will be composing using visual scores.

RE In RE, the children will be reviewing their previous learning to identify similarities and differences between different accounts of the Christmas story.

Science This half term in science, we will be exploring physical forces. These include gravity, friction and air resistance.

We will be working scientifically, performing experiments to investigate how these forces are apparent around us.

French In French, we will be learning about the seasons and the weather.

Jigsaw Our Jigsaw topic this half term is "Celebrating Difference".

Homework

English and Maths homework will be set every **Thursday**, to be handed in the following **Wednesday**.

Children are expected to spend between 20-30 minutes on each piece of work.

Weekly spellings are set on a **Wednesday** in the children's spelling books. This is to be handed in the following **Tuesday**.

Spellings will be tested on a **Friday**.

Home Learning

The home learning project for this half term is based on the children's interests in our Topic of Maya. This can be presented in any way that suits them; food, sculptures, presentation, poetry, infographic etc.

This is due week beginning 6th December

Dates for the diary:

Prime VR - Tuesday 16th November

Article 29 You have the right to an education that should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.