

Theme

We will be starting the new year school year investigating the Maya Civilisation including exploration of the Amazon Rainforest.

Hook: Share the Great Kapok Tree

Marvellous Middle: Local walk to examine the trees in the local environment

Fantastic Finish: Cooking up a Maya treat

English - we will study The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry and The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. Activities to include:

- Character/setting descriptions
- Dialogue
- Persuasive techniques
- Information texts/tourist leaflets
- Exploring structure of dilemma stories
- Examining an adventure story
- Diary entries
- Letter writing

Science will involve investigating the different functions and parts of plants and comparisons between the trees of the Amazon Rainforest and those within our local environment.

History, Geography, Art, Design Technology and Music are all incorporated within our theme of the Maya Civilisation and will include investigating achievements, chronological time frame, Maya maths and writing, architecture, trade, religion, technology, everyday life and farming.

Years 4/5 Term 1 Let's Explore

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Standard English

Extending sentences, subordinate clauses, word classes, determiners, nouns phrases, punctuating direct speech.

Year 4 Spelling - words from statutory list, words ending 'ure, possessive apostrophes with singular proper nouns, homophones.

Year 5 Spelling - words with the letter string 'ough', words from statutory list, silent letters, words ending in able and ible, homophones

Maths – Years 4 and 5

Place value followed by addition and subtraction.

All maths lessons will include aspects of problem solving and reasoning.

In addition, there will be a weekly times tables test. All Year 4 children will be sitting a statutory times tables test in Summer Term 2019.

PE – Handball and Kwik cricket. PE is timetabled for two sessions a week so it is essential that a full PE kit is always in school.

RE – Canterbury Diocese Plans – Introducing the symbols of Understanding Christianity followed by the Creation.

Computing – Data and programming and online safety.

Dates for your diary

14th September - first cricket coaching session (every Friday until half term)

17th September – Meet the Teacher

24th September – Inset day

1st October – Harvest Festival in church

Home Learning

Every week there will be activities on both Mathematics and Spellodrome. There is also a home learning grid and one activity per week should be completed.

Additionally, times tables facts should be practised on a regular basis.

We also encourage frequent reading at home and would appreciate this being recorded in your child's reading record.