

Our Topic is - 'Rites and Rituals'

In History we will be learning about the Mayan civilisation. We will be researching the Mayan hierarchy, their beliefs and their everyday life. We will also find out what the Mayans discovered and how it has impacted on our lives today.



In Geography we will be exploring different types of maps and finding out about the countries of North America and South America.

In DT we will be exploring different types of packaging, looking specifically at how it was made and decorated. We will then design, make and evaluate our own box to hold chocolates.



In Science we are examining and comparing the lifecycles of different animals.

Literacy

- Throughout the half term the children will be reading a variety of genres including stories, poems, posters, information texts and instructions.
- They will be learning to have a deeper understanding of what they are reading and identify inference within the text.
- Children will become confident writers by using adventurous language and finding interesting ways to open sentences that make it interesting for the reader.
- Trying hard to improve presentation

Numeracy

During this half term the children will be focusing on the following topics –

- Recognising factors and multiples
- Add and subtract numbers using a written method and mental methods to solve problems
- Multiply and divide numbers using a written method, including mental methods to solve problems
- Compare, order and identify fractions of a number.
- Understand the place values of a 7 digit number
- Identify and measure angles



Reminders

PE - 5F & 5V – Thursday

- **PE kit:** White T-shirt, black shorts and black pumps in a bag with all items named.
- Children are encouraged to bring a separate water bottle to be kept in the classroom that contains only water. As part of the **food standards** parents **should not** send flavoured water or squash.
- Any monies sent into school should be in an envelope or money bag, clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Please send in homework for Friday and help your children to learn their spellings for a test every Friday.

Key Dates for this half term

21st October 2016– Inset Day

Half term- Monday 24th October 2016 to Friday 28th October 2016

20th October – Parents open evening