



# Year 6 News



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Dear Parents/ guardians,

Here is an overview of our learning for this half term. If you have any questions, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can help to resolve them.

## **Maths**

This half term we will be revising key areas of maths in preparation for the SATs in week 3.

After SATs, we will be applying our learning to projects and challenges linked to the year 6 curriculum and transition to secondary school.

We will continue to improve our multiplication facts with weekly tests and speed tables. We will have weekly arithmetic/mental maths tests to ensure quick recall.

## **English – Rain Player by David Wisniewski**

Our writing will be based on the book Rain Player which links to our 'Mayan' theme. We will be writing instructions, a diary, a newspaper and having a debate.

In grammar we will focus on:

- Hyphens – for spelling and to avoid ambiguity.
- Cohesion – Linked to extended writing – looking at organising paragraphs and linking paragraphs.

Our spelling will focus on the patterns:

- Hyphenated words
- Year 5/6 word list column 5

## **RE**

In our first topic, 'witnesses' we will be looking at how Jesus appeared to his Disciples before ascending. We will look at Stephen and other disciples who chose to spread the Word before looking at modern day witnesses and how we can be witnesses of the Holy Spirit.

In our second topic 'healing', we will look at when people are sick and need care including The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and how we can help those in need, as Jesus did. We will look at Lourdes as a place of pilgrimage for sick people and how Bernadette was visited by Our Lady.

## **History – Mayans**

We will be focusing on:

- Who were the Maya and where were they
- Religion and Gods
- Mayan food
- Everyday life
- Writing / number system

## **Science – Scientists and Inventors**

We will look at some famous scientists and investigate some of their inventions.

- Steven Hawking – black holes
- Libbie Hyman – classification
- Alexander Fleming – penicillin
- Daniel Hale – open heart surgery

## **Computing – Film Making**

This term we will be focusing on "Film Making"

We will:

- Use software to write a script
- Research sources for digital content
- Film and import using editing software
- Conduct video interviews
- Edit and publish a film project.

## **Art/ D&T – Mayans**

In art, we will look at Mayan masks before creating our own, use clay to recreate Mayan artefacts, explore and recreate the Bonampak murals/ frescoes and investigate Mexican food as part of our design and technology.

## **PSHE – Being responsible**

In our 'being responsible' unit, we will look at the structure of the UK government, what parliament is, how important democracy is and debate key issues before looking at why community is so important. We will also look at Martin Luther King's speech whilst thinking about our dreams for the future.

In our "Money Matters" unit, we will begin to look at the skills needed for jobs, how to be an entrepreneur and ways to improve well-being for younger people.

## **Music – Technology, structure and form**

In our 'technology, structure and form' unit, we will: Learn how to use a range of fun, interactive and free web-based applications. Each of these pieces of software will encourage musical learning and exploration as well as introducing pupils to musical structures.