



Year 6 News



Pentecost
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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.

As we are working our way towards the SATs, we will be continuing with our Booster sessions until the week of SATs. If you are unable to make one of the sessions, please inform us as soon as possible via Dojo or the office.

Maths

This half term we will be looking at Shape and Geometry before we start revising key areas of maths in preparation for the SATs in week 4.

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

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

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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 - Evolution and Inheritance: continued

We will be continuing our topic of Evolution and Inheritance into Pentecost 1. The children will be planning and carrying out investigations and making observations based on their findings. We will also be inventing our own animals and explaining how they are adapted to their environment.

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.