

## History

Our topic this term is the Mayans. Children will use primary evidence to help describe the lost Mayan cities and use evidence to draw conclusions and make judgements about the purpose of various artefacts. They will then synthesise a range of ideas to reach a judgment as to the likely cause of the gradual abandonment of the Maya jungle cities.

## P.E.

We will be doing gymnastics, dance and tennis in PE this term. PE will take place outside when the weather permits, so please ensure children have appropriate kit, including trainers.

## Art/D.T

Art will link closely to our topic this term, as children learn to observe and draw carefully, use patterns and blend and shade.

## D.T

We will make complex structures, designing, applying knowledge and creating appealing products.

## Science

**Evolution and inheritance:** We will learn about evolution and how living things adapt and evolve. Children will learn about Charles Darwin and how he developed his theory of evolution.

## Geography

Children will study rivers and learn about the important role they play in both the natural and human environment.

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## English

Our writing will link to our topic and science this term, and we will include biographies, explanation texts, persuasive writing and stories. We will continue to work on grammar, recognising word classes and improving sentence structure, as well as spelling. Destination Reader will continue every morning, with a focus on inference, vocabulary and evidence answers. Our class book is *Clockwork*.

## Maths

Fractions, decimals and percentages will be a big focus this term, as will problem solving and reasoning. We will continue to work on consolidating and applying written methods, and will work on ratio and proportion. We will also look at 3D shapes and visualising shapes from their nets.

## ICT

Children will use ICT to produce pieces of work, building on their use of texts and graphics. We will use computers for research purposes linked to our topic work.

## R.E.

Children will learn about Sikhism this term, including the key beliefs, beliefs and inspirational people.

## French

Children will be working with a teacher from Stowupland High School this year in French, building up their vocabulary as well as constructing more complex sentences.

## Music

Children will be learning singing this term, working on pitch, volume and voice control, as well as learning and performing songs.



