

North Cerney

Owl Class (Year 5/6) Term 2

The Maya Civilisation – Why should we remember the Maya?

History

We will be use evidence to reach conclusions about the lives of the Maya in the past and the present. We will be investigating their ancient cities, using reconstructive and archaeological evidence to help me reach a conclusion about the Maya cities. We will look at why religion was important to the Maya, why they had so many gods and explain the significance of the Maya creation myth. We will investigate Maya technology and culture. Finally, we will investigate reasons why the Maya disappeared around 900 AD.

Maths

Year 5

Multiplication and Division

Multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1,000

Multiplying a 2-digit by a 2-digit number

Dividing with remainders

Solving problems

Fractions

Equivalent fractions

Mixed numbers

Comparing and ordering fractions

Adding and subtracting fractions

Year 6

Fractions

Adding and subtracting fractions

Dividing and multiplying fractions

Converting Units

Metric measures

Imperial conversions

Ratio

Algebra

English

We will begin this term with a narrative unit based on 'The Rainplayer', a tale set within the ancient Maya civilisation, inspired by the belief that fate is divinely decreed and cannot be changed.

We will then work on our non-fiction skills by researching and writing an information text on an aspect of Mayan history.

As Christmas approaches, we will be dipping into the spirit of Christmas and writing in a different style as we write a letter to Scrooge.

Spelling and grammar lessons will continue, in which we will explore the technical aspects of writing.

Our Booktalk reading sessions will continue with a broad range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts which the children will discuss and analyse using the VIPERS approach.

Science – Material World

We will be exploring the properties of materials by:

- Investigating properties of materials and sort materials according to their properties
- Investigating which is the bounciest ball
- Investigating the properties of foam
- Recognising the factors that affect dissolving
- Recognising that original substances can be retrieved when changes are reversible

Music

To recognise and identify the main features of samba music

To understand and play syncopated rhythms

To play syncopated rhythms as part of a group

To compose a basic rhythmic break

To perform rhythmic breaks within the samba piece

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Structures – Packaging

To research, design and make a giftbox.

R.E

Was Jesus the Messiah?

Explore Christian beliefs about Jesus and why Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah. Explain connections between biblical texts, Incarnation and Messiah, using theological terms.

French

In the classroom

- to learn the nouns and determiners for classroom objects in French
- to learn how to answer the question 'Qu'est-ce qu'il y a dans ta trousse ?' (What do have in your pencil case?)
- to learn how to move from an indefinite determiner (a) to a possessive adjective (my) in French.
- to learn the negative response and use all my new knowledge to say what I have/do not have in my pencil case.

PSHE Keeping myself safe

To share or not to share

Rat Park Animal behaviour study

What is safe? Drugs and alcohol.

P.E

Tchuckball

Netball

Computing

Spreadsheets

To use formulae within a spreadsheet to convert measurements of length and distance.

To use the count tool to answer hypotheses about common letters in use.

To use a spreadsheet to model a real-life problem.

To use formulae to calculate area and perimeter of shapes.

To create formulae that use text variables.

Homework

The most important contribution you can make to your child's learning is to continue listening to them reading. This will expand their vocabulary and will improve their writing ability.

Spellings will also be sent home and will be tested weekly.

We will send home their Key Maths Skills termly for you to work on critical skills, which will support your child's confidence within Maths. Athletics homework will also be set, and success celebrated with certificates in school.