

## Literacy

This half-term, the text 'The Explorer' will form the basis of our Literacy and Guided Reading lessons. We will re-cap our use of openers, expanded noun phrases and relative clauses and use this knowledge to write a diary based on The Explorer book. Drama will also be incorporated into our Literacy and Guided Reading lessons. We will also write a non-chronological report around rainforests by carrying out research and thinking about the setting of the book.

## History

Our topic this half term is The Ancient Maya Civilisation. We will be looking at who the Maya were, how they lived their lives and the different god and goddesses that they worshipped. We will also look at how the Maya civilisation has influenced our lives today through their number system.

## ART

In art, we will research masks that Maya people wore for celebrations and religious ceremonies. We will then plan, design and evaluate our own Maya mask.

## ICT

The children will develop their understanding on how to save and store information. They will learn about the variety of file formats and will practice saving images and documents as a gif or jpeg file using the save as command. Children will also continue to embed their E-safety knowledge, considering ways in which we can keep safe online by using strong passwords, checking privacy setting for online accounts and regularly updating these. We will also look at the positive and negative impacts of using ICT.

## Maths

This half-term, we will be focusing on decimals. We will look at the how to read, write and represent decimal numbers as well as ordering and comparing them. We will be applying our skills to a range of different contexts by answering problem solving and reasoning questions. We will continue to recap the basic skills such as adding, subtracting, doubling, halving and other mental strategies. We will also practise times tables daily to improve accuracy and speed.

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## PE

In PE, we will be focusing on Athletics. The children will be practicing and developing their skills in a range of sports including shot put, track running, relay running, long jump and the javelin. We will also be developing our tennis skills and practicing using tactics against an opponent.

## Music

This half term the children will continue to appraise different pieces of music and will develop their ability to listen to a piece and decide what instruments are being used. They will also focus on listening and describing music using musical vocabulary.

## RE

In RE, we will be learning about charity. The children will develop their understanding of the influence of charities around the world. We will also think about the question 'why does faith make a difference?'

## Science

Throughout this half-term, our science topic is 'Growing up and Growing Old'. We will be looking at the human stages of development and the changes that occur during each stage. We will also look at the similarities and differences between the changes that boys and girls face.