

**LITERACY:**

BOOK FOCUS for 1st half term 'Wonder' by R.J Palacio.

Diary writing (perspective of characters)

Narrative writing (responding to story)

Newspaper articles (about the school that is featured in story)

Book review

Poetry based on a short film 'Little Freak'

ROALD DAHL FOCUS 2nd half term (Will have a class vote on the story we focus on).

Biography writing (based on Roald Dahl)

Instructions & explanation writing

Poetry writing (Looking at Michael Rosen)

Spellings & reading comprehension once a week.

**ART/D.T:**

Studying Central American artists:

Frida Khalo (clay monkeys)

Joaquin Torres Garcia (symbol painting)

Leonora Carrington (making dream catchers)

Diego Rivera (drawing in colour)

Beatriz Milhazes (making collages)

**MAYAN ART:**

Identify features of Mayan art and give my own views and opinions

Explain what Mayan art means and create a piece of Mayan art and a Mayan Headdress.

**GEOGRAPHY (TOPIC):**

Identifying the countries of North and South America.

Identifying the capital city of a country.

Compare the climate of North American regions with our own area.

Compare the human geography of North American regions with our own area.

Finding out and looking at where the Mayan's lived.

Locate and label on a map the Mayan civilisation.

**HISTORY (TOPIC):**

Looking at the historical timeline and when the Mayan's lived.

Identify the 4 main periods of the Mayan civilisation.

Discover facts about the Maya civilisation and explain who they were.

Explain their religious beliefs, understand how they worshipped, name some of the Gods.

Look at the Maya number system.

Hopefully look at actual evidence of the Mayan's from a special visitor.

Look at what the Mayan writing system consists of.

**MATHS:**

Number & place value (whole numbers, rounding).

Addition & subtraction (column methods, including money).

Multiplication & division (mental methods, short multiplication and division methods, factors multiples, prime numbers, revision of algorithms for YR6).

Shape (2-D and 3-D shape, polygons, angles, co-ordinates).

Algebra

\*Lots of opportunity to reason and problem solve too

Tables test & mental maths once a week.

**ICT:**

Researching using the internet.

Scratch

Website design

**FRENCH:**

Visiting a French town (asking/ answering questions, prepositional phrases, numbers etc).

## THE NEW WORLD

### *(Americas & Mayans)*

**RE:**

SIKHISM

Q: How far would a Sikh go for his/her religion?

GOD

Q: What does it mean if God is Holy and loving?

**MUSIC:**

(Mrs Strudwick)

Looking at Michael Jackson's contribution to pop music with focus on 'I'll be there'

Classroom Jazz using percussion, composition and improvisation. Also looking into the historical side of Jazz too.

**P.E.**

Edu-fit coaches teach once a week.

Miss Leftley once a week.

**SCIENCE:**

Animals including humans

(The circulatory system, Transporting water, a Healthy lifestyle, exercise, impact of drugs and alcohol).

Electricity

(importance of electrical discoveries, circuit symbols, volts, conducting lots of investigations).

We will also be doing some free BBC Science activities which is all linked to the 'Terrific Scientific' programme online.