

## English

In English this term, we will be focusing on dual narrative and suspense. A dual narrative is a story that is told from 2 different perspectives. We will identify modal verbs, recognise adverbs, describe settings and look at creating suspense.

## Guided Reading

This half term, we will be looking at the book 'Explorers' by Katherine Rundell. We will read it as a class and use VIPERS to examine the book in greater depth.

## Kinetic Letters

This year we are introducing the Kinetic Letters handwriting programme. It is built around the idea that handwriting is not just about neatness, but about confidence, fluency and stamina. Children will learn correct letter formation through physical movement, posture, and strength-building activities, before applying this to writing across the curriculum. For our Year 5/6 pupils, the focus will be on developing speed and fluency so that handwriting supports their thinking and communication, rather than holding it back.

## History/Geography -

Welcome to Mexico. Get ready to explore this unique country, from its towering temples and stunning geography to its pulsing rhythms and fun festivals. We will focus on the Mayan history and what life was like to live during the time. We will look at where Mexico is in the world with physical landmarks, capital city and hemispheres.

## Computing

In this unit learners explore how data is transferred over the internet. Learners initially focus on addressing, before they move on to the makeup and structure of data packets. Learners then look at how the internet facilitates online communication and collaboration; they complete shared projects online and evaluate different methods of communication. Finally, they learn how to communicate responsibly by considering what should and should not be shared on the internet.

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## Science -

This half term we will be moving to the topic of evolution and inheritance. We will be looking at the importance of fossils and what we can learn from them. We will look at how animals and plants have adapted to their environment and how those who haven't become extinct. We will also look at how offspring can take on the physical traits of the parents.

## Spanish

Mrs Baker starts a whole new language programme this year and with her fluency in Spanish, we are in for an absolute treat! To begin, they will look at general phonics and then move into our first module, 'I am learning Spanish.'

## RE

This term Oak Class will focus on Christianity, in particular asking, 'Why the Gospel is such good news for Christians?' The Big question in this module is, 'Where do people look for answers to life and living?'

## PSHE

This unit aims to teach children some of the skills needed for participation in decision making, so that they develop self-confidence and the ability to listen to others. If children feel their voice is heard and they are respected, they are more likely to develop a sense of belonging and commit themselves to learning.

## Maths

In maths we will be focusing on number, starting with place value including numbers up to 1 million. We will compare and order numbers as well as rounding numbers up to 1 million. We will finish off the half term with addition and subtraction.

## Art/DT

As part of our 'Hola Mexico' project we will be looking at Mayan Day of the Dead masks. We will also be making Roman mosaics.

## Music - Instrumental lessons

We are fortunate enough to have with Miss Simmons to teach music to all pupils. We are so lucky to have specialist teachers who can ensure our children have a broad curriculum which is good for their mental and physical wellbeing. By the end of this unit, pupils will be able to correctly label features of staff notation and confidently share their ideas about South African music. They will accurately perform both tuned percussion parts from Put on Your Gumboots! in time, as well as sing the melody and play the rhythmic pattern with precision. Pupils will also create and perform their own eight-beat rhythm pattern.



## PE

This half term in PE, pupils will be developing their teamwork and tactical skills. With Mr Hitchin, they will take part in invasion games, focusing on football and handball through mini games. With Mrs Bartholomew, pupils will build their ball control and coordination skills through hockey.