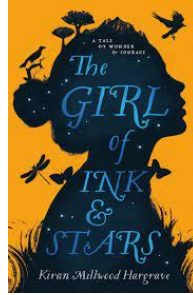


English

The folklore and rich history of the Ancient Maya will inspire our writing this term. We will begin by reading the Mayan Folktale, *Rain Player*, and will use our understanding of the story to write folktales of our own. Having learned about the historical significance of Mexico in regard to the Ancient Mayans, we will then plan and produce a holiday brochure advertising an educational trip to Mexico. However, the holiday turns out to be not all it seems, and we end the term by writing a formal letter of complaint.



'Each of us carries the map of our lives...in the way we walk, even the way we grow.'

Complementing our History and Writing, the *Girl of Ink and Stars* is full of its own myths, magic and mapmaking.

Science

Do you know the differences between the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird? We will, by the end of our topic 'Living Things and their Habitats'! As scientists, we will be exploring the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. We will also learn to describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to observable characteristics.

Maths

In Maths this term, we shall discover the wonders of ratio and algebra. After learning language associated with ratio, we will find out how to scale up and scale down numbers, drawings and even recipes! When exploring algebra, we will learn about one and two step function machines, how to form algebraic expressions and solve simple equations. We will also dive back into the world of decimals. We shall be rounding them and applying our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 to decimal numbers. During Arithmetic lessons, we will be revising our fraction work from last term.



The Ancient Maya



Year 6

History

History will be filled with 'windows' moments of awe and wonder as we look out into the world of the Ancient Maya. We will begin by exploring who they were, where they lived and how they fit into a historical timeline, building onto previous years' learning. We will study the Mayan's rainforest home and how this setting influenced the way they lived their lives. We will explore Mayan Gods and also investigate the link between Ancient Maya and chocolate!

PE

Indoor sessions will focus on gymnastics sequences. We plan to incorporate some of the equipment available into our routines. During our outside lessons, we will be working on our accuracy when passing a ball in the context of netball and then in football. We will also work on observing the space around us as we pass the ball on.

Art

We will be exploring the Mayan Bonampak Murals, before recreating one of our own. We will develop sketching skills learnt in previous Art units through scaling up our initial designs.

French

We will learn the names for different animals and how to ask/answer whether or not we have pets.

PSHE

In PSHE lessons, we will be discussing our dreams and goals. We will explore some of the ways we can work with others to help make the world a better place. We will explain what motivates us, and others, to make positive changes in the world and why we choose to perform acts of kindness.

RE

In our RE lessons this term, we will investigate how Christianity works alongside Science. We will explore ways in which the two areas are complementary and ways in which they conflict. Once we have recapped the creation story in Genesis 1, we will look into the concepts of Cosmology and Evolution, showing awareness of different interpretations.

Music

In Music, we will be using the app 'Garage Band' to compose our own music, experimenting with different instruments to alter the sound. We will consider dynamic, tempo and rhythm.

ICT

Our ICT lessons this term will focus on search engines. We will practise selecting search results, learn how search results are ranked and how they can be influenced.