

Art & Design, Design and Technology and Music

In **Art**, we will be honing our fashion skills to design and construct an Aztec headdress. In **D&T**, we will be using our design skills to consider what makes a good advertisement. We will then design our own logo and also try our hand at some Mexican-inspired cooking! In **Music**, we will be practising singing in rounds and performing accompaniments to them. Our listening focus is music from the classical period with activities based on Mozart's Horn Concerto and Ein Madchen Oder Weibchen from his Magic Flute Opera.

Maths

Children will work on strengthening their knowledge of the four operations, place value with larger numbers, use brackets in calculations, use number sequences, as well as working on equivalency between fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will embed these skills with regular problem-solving tasks.

History

Our focus is on the Aztec civilization, where we will find out about Aztec buildings, key figures, how their daily lives & beliefs differed and why the civilization eventually came to an end.

Geography

To complement our History, we will look at the contrasting locality of Mexico, developing our mapping skills, as well as considering tourism, the physical landscape, farming and transport of the area.

Computing

Our topic 'Data Matters' covers data, what it is and how it's used in the real world. Children will investigate database structures and carry out their own research to complete an investigation.

Upper Key Stage 2

Autumn 2019

English

As per the whole school, we are currently enjoying studying 'The Day the Crayons Quit' to produce a range of writing; each class will have an individual focus.

Fiction – Our focus is looking at a range of fiction types, how they can be identified and classified, as well as choosing to write a text in a genre of our choice, focussing on precise vocabulary, engaging openings and interesting characterisation. We will also experiment transforming a text into a different genre.

Non-fiction

We will investigate how **instructions** and **explanations** differ, considering the features of both and writing our own specific, precise explanations.

In **Poetry**, we are looking at the work of the classic poets, especially Shakespeare, using his work to create our own poetry based on an extract from Richard III.



Science

A key topic this term is evolution and inheritance. We will look at the life & work of famous scientists such as Darwin in more close detail to complement this. We will also cover life cycles of plants, mammals, reptiles and birds and consider how creatures adapt to their surroundings.

PE

In **Games** we will cover hockey and tag rugby, focussing on skills and teamwork. In **Dance**, we will be doing Zumba and choreographing our own routines, as well as linking this to how to be healthy.

Events

Year 6 are looking forward to organising the annual Harvest celebration later this term – please see an additional letter nearer the time. We will also perform at the annual Christingle service in December.

PSHE & RE

RE

We will consider how Muslims show commitment to God and how different religions believe a good life should be led. We will also consider the role which texts play in religions and why they are important.

In **PSHE**, we will consider how to make a good start and set positive goals for ourselves, as well as reflecting on our relationships with others and how we interact with them.

Modern Foreign Languages

We continue with weekly French and German lessons. In French, we will cover items in our class as well as learning about how regular French verbs work; we will then learn how to describe different habitats in French. In German we will talk about our family, physical appearance and touch on basic grammar when conjugating simple verbs.