

Art & Design, Design and Technology and Music

In **Art**, we will be honing our fashion skills to design and construct an Aztec headdress. We will think carefully about colours and design choices to help us do this. We will also be completing Aztec –inspired patterns in a printing lessons. In **D&T**, we will be using our design skills to consider what makes a good advertisement for a product. In **Music**, we will be working on a version of 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams as well as performing seasonal songs closer to Christmas.

Maths

Children will work on strengthening their knowledge of the four operations, place value with larger numbers, number sequences, as well as working on equivalency between fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will embed these skills with 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.

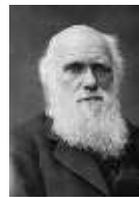
Upper Key Stage 2

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English

To begin the year, we will spend time embedding the key concepts from the previous years using a variety of texts to explore and base our own work on. We will also look 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. We will investigate how instructions and explanations differ, considering the features of both and writing our own specific, precise explanations. Some of our text choices will link to other topics, e.g. the work of Charles Darwin in Science.

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 work on indoor athletics skills and in **Dance**, we will be doing Zumba and choreographing our own routines, as well as linking this to how to be healthy.

Reading

As well as each class looking at their class novel in detail, we will also study extracts from articles, picture books, poetry, non-fiction and even songs!

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.

French

In French, we will cover items in our pencil cases and classroom as well as learning about how regular French verbs work; we will then learn how to describe different habitats in French and also to be able to discuss in simple French what animals and plants need to survive in their habitats and how they may adapt.