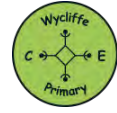


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All Different – All Equal



Year 5
Beech & Laurel



Miss Parkinson, Miss Greaves, Mrs Borson & Miss Anwar

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ANCIENT MAYAN CIVILIZATION:
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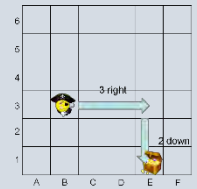
English

In English, this half term, we will be writing a short story based on the Mayans then we will be turning it into a song in the style of Horrible Histories. We will also be writing a Kennings style poem based on an aspect of Mayan life. 'Oh Maya Gods' by Max Evans is our class book that we will continue to read regularly.



Maths

This half term, we will be learning how to read and plot coordinates, translating shapes on a graph and identifying lines of symmetry. We will also be learning how to convert units of length and time while converting between metric and imperial units. We will conclude Year 5 Maths with learning about volume through comparing and estimating.



GEOGRAPHY / HISTORY

Our learning in History will be learning about Ancient Maya and our big question is "Do aspects of the past influence today?". We are going to consider how we know about the Maya and Stone Age, learn about the different Gods that the Maya believed in as well as the impact that the Mayans have had on our society today.



Science

In Science, we will be learning about sound. We will investigate how sound is made, what pitch and volume are and how they can be altered. We will also learn how the ear works to absorb sound and use musical instruments to help us investigate this.



PE

On a Tuesday we will be going swimming. Please ensure you bring your swimming kit in to school every Tuesday. Our other PE lesson (for both classes) will be on a **Thursday**. This half term we will be developing our skills in Outdoor Adventurous. Please remember to come in your full kit, with long hair already tied back. Earrings will need to be removed or please provide tape to cover them.



DT

This half term we will be **designing and making a traditional Mayan Mask**. We shall **research Mayan masks** before **designing and creating our own mask out of a range of materials**.



RE

This half term our big question is: What will make our city/town/village a more respectful place? We shall learn about the different religions that people in our community believe in and discuss Bradford winning the 'City of Culture' last year. We will discuss how and why people respond differently to diversity and interfaith issues.



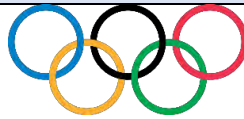
PSHE

Our big question is 'How can our choices make a difference to others and the environment?'. We will learn about why the world needs protecting and what we can all do to protect it. We will learn about fair trade and recycling and how we can show care and take responsibility for our actions that could impact our environment.



French

This half term in French our topic is 'Les Jeux Olympiques'. We will learn about the different events that happen during the Olympics in French as well as focus on the Olympics that are taking place in Paris this year.



Computing

In Computing, we will be using Scratch to create video games while developing our skills in creating repetition.



Music

In Music, we will be looking at the unit 'Reflect, Rewind and Replay'. Within this unit, we will revisit songs that we have looked at this year and explore the story behind each song before composing it.



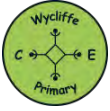
Homework

Please use the hexagons in your homework folder to produce a piece of work about the Ancient Mayan Civilization. This could include researching the Mayan civilization, designing your own temple, creating your own hot chocolate recipe, or an idea of your own. The ideas on the hexagons in your homework folder can be used or you can think of your own creative idea! Please bring your homework in as soon as it is done so that we can produce a display outside our classroom or at the latest by Friday 21st June.

Reading, Spellings and Learn by Hearts

In school, we aim to read with your child at least once a week- please therefore ensure that your reading record and reading book are in school daily. Remember to record your home reading, which should be as often as possible but at least twice a week. Use Accelerated Reader regularly, ensuring that you complete the quiz after each book- don't forget to record your quiz scores in the back of your diary! Timestable Rockstars and Spelling Frame should also be accessed regularly- please use your login which is in your reading record. Spellings and Learn by Hearts should be learnt ready for our weekly test on a Friday. Ensure homework folders are in school every Friday.





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