



Spring 1 Newsletter

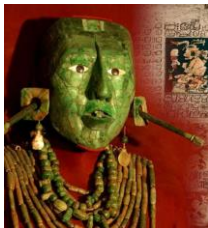
Welcome to 2025!

We hope you have had a wonderful winter break and are ready for an action packed Spring 1!



History and Geography

This half term, we'll focus on the fascinating Mayan civilization. We'll explore who the Mayans were, where they lived, and how their society was organized. We'll learn about their incredible achievements in art, architecture, and astronomy, as well as their unique writing and number systems. We'll also uncover the importance of religion, the role of kings, and the mysterious decline of this advanced civilization.



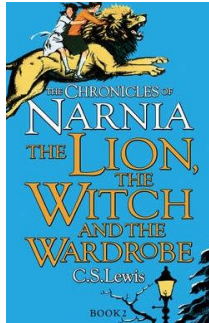
Reading

In reading this half term, we'll dive into exciting lessons focusing on key reading skills. Using *Ordinary Jack* as one of our core texts, we'll explore character development, themes, and plot structure while practicing inference and prediction skills. We'll also study *The Mayan Civilisation*, where we'll focus on retrieving key facts, summarizing information, and understanding how non-fiction texts are structured. Through these books, we'll develop skills in vocabulary, comprehension, and answering a range of question types to deepen our understanding of both fiction and non-fiction texts.



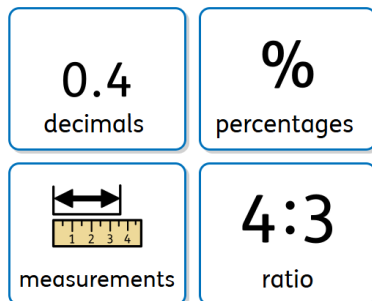
Writing

This half term, we will explore exciting writing lessons inspired by *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We'll focus on key skills such as creating vivid descriptions, using powerful vocabulary, and building suspense in our writing. We'll also practice organizing our ideas into well-structured paragraphs and using punctuation like colons and semicolons to add impact. We'll draft our own narratives and persuasive pieces, showcasing the creative and technical skills.



Maths

In Year 6 this half term, we will dive into some exciting maths topics! We'll focus on measurements, learning how to convert between units and solve real-world problems. We'll explore decimals and percentages, understanding how they link to fractions and using them to solve tricky challenges. We'll also tackle ratios, discovering how to compare quantities and apply this skill to everyday situations.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th January INSET day for Nursery, Reception and Years 1 -6

Tuesday 7th January Schools resumes for Early Years and Years 1 -6

Thursday 9th January Family Drop In, 3-5pm, meet the SEND Team

Friday 10th January Year 6 Family Sharing Assembly

Thursday 16th January Family Drop In, 3-5pm, meet the SEND Team

Friday 17th January Year 6 trip to UK Parliament

Friday 7th February Year 6 Ben Kinsella trip

Friday 14th February FROG's Annual Valentines Ball

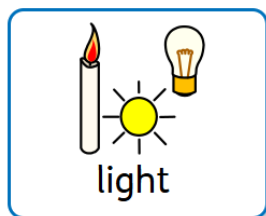
Campaign

Year 6's campaign this half term is 'keep connected' focusing on how we can connect with people online safely. We will be developing materials to share with classes about how to keep safe online.



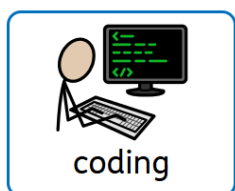
Science

This half term we will dive into the fascinating world of light in this exciting Year 6 science topic! We will explore how light travels, learn how we see objects, and uncover the secrets behind shadows and reflections. We will investigate the role of light in our daily lives and conduct fun experiments to see science in action. From understanding how mirrors work to discovering why the sky changes color, this topic will shine a light on some of nature's most intriguing mysteries.



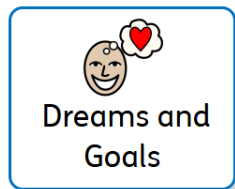
ICT

In ICT, we will dive into the exciting world of coding by exploring variables in games! We'll learn how variables are used to store and change information, like keeping track of a player's score, time limits, or even the number of lives in a game. Through fun, hands-on activities, we will discover how to create interactive features, like making characters move faster or adding bonus levels.



PSHE

In PSHE, this half term we will be exploring the topic of *Dreams and Goals*. We'll reflect on our ambitions, set personal goals, and think about the steps needed to achieve them. Together, we'll learn about resilience, overcoming challenges, and staying motivated, even when things get tough. We'll also explore how our dreams can make a positive difference to others and the world around us.



RE

Our focus religion this half term is Buddhism. Our key question is 'What did the Buddha teach about living a better life?' We will learn about Buddhist religious practices and beliefs.



PE

This half term, we will be diving into the exciting world of NFL Flag! We'll learn the rules and skills of flag football, including passing, catching, and teamwork strategies. We'll focus on building agility, coordination, and tactics while promoting fair play and sportsmanship.

Class PE Day: **Tuesday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Tuesdays**



Music

In music, we will explore the exciting topic of Music and Me, diving into a range of music genres, including hip hop, classical, electronic, soul, and contemporary styles. We'll focus on understanding how these genres express identity, emotions, and stories, while also learning to create and perform our own pieces inspired by these styles.



Spanish

In Spanish, this half term, we will explore the exciting topic of Food ! We'll focus on learning key vocabulary for different foods and drinks, expressing likes and dislikes, and creating sentences to describe meals. Through fun activities and conversations, we'll also practice ordering food in a restaurant and discussing traditional Spanish dishes.



Art and DT

In art we will explore the fascinating world of Tribal Masks of the Mayan culture in our art lessons. We'll focus on the history and significance of these masks, learning how they were used in rituals and ceremonies. We will have the opportunity to design and create our own Mayan-inspired masks using a variety of materials, applying our knowledge of shape, color, and texture. This project will help us connect art with history, developing both our creativity and cultural understanding.



Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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