

Rock Class - Summer 2

Reading

Each day, our reading sessions focus on developing children's fluency, deepening their understanding of texts, and strengthening their ability to answer questions about what they have read. This half term, our reading materials will include a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our main topic on the Mayans and our science topic Earth and Space.

To end each day, we enjoy sharing a carefully chosen class story. This term, we will be reading *Malamander*, by Thomas Taylo.



Our Main Topic

Our main topic this half term is a history unit exploring who the Maya people were, when and where in the world they lived and the reasons why they were so successful. The children will discover how we know about the Maya people, their beliefs and the hierarchy system that was in place in society and the important inventions that they made, especially in farming. They will also draw comparisons between the Ancient Maya Civilisation and Anglo-Saxon Britain, with a focus on the similarities and differences between the Maya City States and the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms.



English

This half term, Rock Class will revisit and consolidate all the key elements that contribute to a well-written sentence. Pupils will focus on accurate punctuation, clear sentence structure and the use of a wide range of grammatical features, including conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and varied sentence openings. They will be encouraged to write with increasing confidence, developing clarity, coherence and precision in both their written and spoken language.

These skills will be applied across a range of creative and independent writing tasks. In particular, pupils will plan, draft and publish non-chronological reports about their own fictional planets, using appropriate organisational features such as headings and subheadings, alongside ambitious and imaginative vocabulary to engage the reader.

In addition, Year 6 pupils will be working towards their end-of-year production of *Rapunzel*. This will involve learning lines, developing performance skills and building confidence in speaking and presenting, while working collaboratively to bring the production to life.



Maths

In our daily maths lessons, we will continue to focus on times tables in order to build fluency and confidence. Year 5 will explore a range of strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, alongside applying these skills within reasoning and problem-solving questions.

As a group, we will also be learning about shape; angles, properties of shape, 3D shapes position and direction and co-ordinates.

Y6 children will be using their maths skills to create their Enterprise business!



PE Days

Children in Rock Class take part in two PE sessions each week, which are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child brings their named PE kit on both days so they can fully participate in all activities.



Homework

Thank you for continuing to support your children to complete their weekly homework. It is wonderful to see so many children handing in homework every week. Please continue to take time to hear your child read and remember to sign their reading diary to celebrate their progress.

Maths and spelling homework will be sent home every Friday and should be returned the following Thursday. To support times tables practice, children also have access to Times Table Rock Stars, with weekly certificates awarded to the highest scorer.

