



St Faith's C.E. Primary School

Class: Beech

Teaching team: Mrs Hanson, Miss John, Mrs Wetherell, Mrs Harding

Curriculum News — Spring 2017

Topic: The Mayans

English - Spelling focus: accuracy of high frequency words in written work, exploration of homophones and silent letters, words with the same prefixes and suffixes, dictionary and thesaurus skills and spelling games

Grammar focus: use of preposition, phrases and clauses, conjunctions, determiners, full range of punctuation marks, **revision of all skills**

Reading /author study: The Island by Armin Greder Holes by Louis Sachar
Reading Comprehension skills

Writing genre: descriptive writing, persuasive and balanced arguments, recounts, information texts, leaflets, narrative writing, formal letters

Maths

- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions
- Missing angles
- Parts of a circle
- Volume
- Area of shapes
- Scale factor
- Coordinates
- Statistics
- Pie charts and line graphs
- Algebra including nth term
SATs preparation

Science

Spring 1: Animals including Humans

The children will be able to identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. They will learn about the ways in which nutrients are transported within animals, including humans. They will carry out 'hands-on' investigations to find out the impact of exercise on their body and use data handling skills, such as scatter graphs, to record the results.

Spring 2: Evolution and Inheritance

The children will be finding out about fossils and evolution. They will research how living things change over time, as offspring produced are of the same kind but do vary and are not identical to their parents.

Events

Wednesday 25th January– Slipper Fashion show
Monday 13th March – Natural History Museum, London
Friday 31st March – Young Shakespeare Company workshop

Messages

- Make sure that your homework diaries come into school every day
- Use homework diaries to chart all homework completed – including reading and tables practise
- Always try to do your homework **as soon as it is set, to keep your weekends free**

Foundation subjects

History: The Mayans

Art: The Epiphany,

D.T. completion of slippers

ICT: Publisher, Coding

P.E. Gym – Counter- balance and Counter- tension,
Dance – The Haka

Games: Basketball, Football

Music: A minor Blues / 12 bar blues sequence

R.E: Epiphany, Islam, The Resurrection,

French: French: Numbers, Shapes, Colours,
Weather, Transport and Alphabet

Suggestions to support learning at home

- Encourage independence and responsibility with homework and routines
- Ask your child to explain their understanding of homework tasks and make sure that they are completed to a **high standard (i.e. correct spelling, punctuation and presentation)**
- Keep practising times tables
- Keep reading to your child and let them read to you on a regular basis (at least twice a week)
- Ensure they read for pleasure regularly and discuss their books
- Research information on the Mayans
- Information to follow on revision for SATs