



St Faith's C.E. Primary School

Class: Jupiter

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

Curriculum News — Spring 2016

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 adverbs and prepositions, conditionals, phrases and clauses, 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

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

Magistrates in the Community visit – Thursday 7th January
Monday 7th March – Natural History Museum
tbc – Slipper Fashion show

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**

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

Foundation subjects

History: The Mayans

Art: The Epiphany,

ICT: Publisher, Excel spreadsheets, Coding

PSHE/British Values: Staying within the law, Role of the Magistrates in society, Risks and Pressures, Health and Hygiene

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

Games: Tri golf, Basketball, Football

Music: A minor Blues / 12 bar blues sequence

R.E.: Epiphany, The Resurrection, Prayer (Christian and Islamic)

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
- Ensure they read for pleasure regularly and discuss their books
- Research information on the Mayans
- Information to follow on revision for SATs