



We have reached the end of another term and cannot quite believe we are halfway through the academic year! We hope you have a lovely half-term break!

Next term, we are excited to be starting our learning about the Maya civilisation – we are certain the children will thoroughly enjoy this topic as we love teaching it! Below, you will find an overview of our curriculum and what we will be learning in each subject this term. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher. We would like to thank you for your continued support and engagement with your child's learning.

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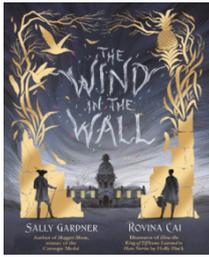
Our critical enquiry question this term is:

How and why did the Mayan civilisation flourish, and what remains of their culture?

We will be answering this question at the end of Term 4 by creating a geographical report!

English

This term, we will be exploring "The Wind in the Wall" by Sally Gardner as our focus text. During the unit, the children will build toward writing an extended spooky narrative within the Gothic horror tradition. Children will learn about some of the famous titles in this genre and explore their features. They will then practise these features in turn, writing setting/character descriptions, letters and dialogue using a wide range of skills. Children will use the bare-bones shape of this story to create their own gothic horror story.



Maths

This term, we will be exploring the following concepts in Maths:

- Percentages
- Fractions
- Ratio
- Statistics
- Shape and Space

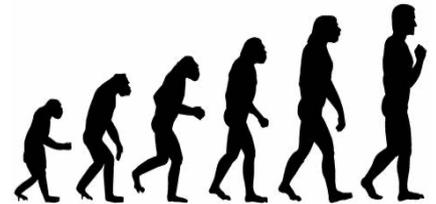
We will explore each of these concepts to develop the children's fluency, while also introducing problem-solving activities to deepen their understanding.

We will continue to focus on developing our arithmetic skills through daily arithmetic activities and weekly arithmetic test practice.



Science

Science will involve us looking at inheritance and evolution. We will be exploring characteristics passed from one generation to the next and how species have adapted to suit their environments. We will be investigating how different kinds of birds eat different kinds of foods and how their beaks have adapted to be the best shape for picking up the food they like best and is most available to them. We will also look at important scientists, like Charles Darwin and how their theories have influenced ideas today.



History

In History this term, we will be exploring the Ancient Maya. To begin with, we will learn about when and where The Maya existed and discover what everyday life was like at this time. As we progress through the term, we will learn more about Maya culture, customs and beliefs. We will also explore the potential reasons for the civilisation's decline and the impact they left behind.



Computing

In computing this term, we will learn how animations are created by hand. Following on from that, we will find out how to add backgrounds and sounds to an animation before creating our own by using ideas from existing 'stop motion' films.



Art

Our Art and Design project this term links with our learning in History. We will be learning about the purpose and creation of masks in Mayan culture before designing our own interpretations inspired by different animals. We will then use plaster to create our masks before finishing them with paint and embellishments!



RE

Our critical question this term is "Why is there suffering in the world?". This is part one of a topic which will run into next term, where we will be using critical thinking skills to consider our own and others' ideas and beliefs about why there is suffering in the world.

PE

In PE this term, table tennis and tennis are the focus, where we will be developing skills with the focus on sustaining a rally in tennis.



PSHE

This term in PSHE our learning is 'Healthy Me' where we will be exploring the impact of food on our body and the effects different drugs have on the body. We will also be looking at what it means to be emotionally well.





OUR CURRICULUM

Far away...

THE WORLD

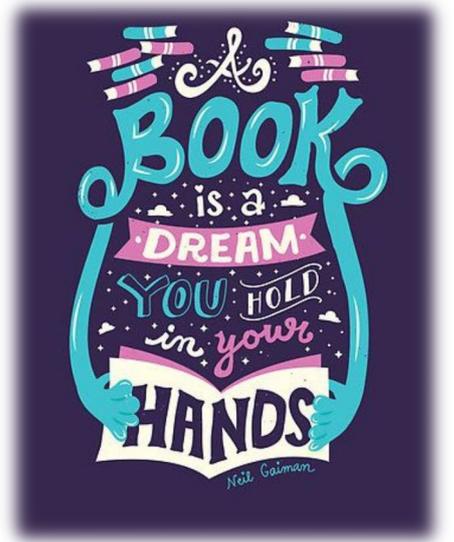
Near...

UK

MEDWAY

...Home!

At Fairview, our school values underpin everything we do and are core to the ethos of our school. Our aim is to develop a community of **responsible** learners who not only demonstrate **collaboration** and **perseverance** in their work, but who also show **kindness**, **respect** and **honesty** towards one another.



Recommended Reads:

The link below will take you to a list of recommended reads for Year 6 children – there are some fantastic books on the list your child may enjoy reading!

If your child is reading something they are really enjoying at the moment, we would love them to share their own recommendations with the class!

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-6-pupils-ks2-age-10-11/>

