

Attenborough Class Newsletter

Autumn 2 2023

Welcome back after half term!! This half term we will be learning about the Ancient Mayan civilisation, along with how our bodies work and how to keep healthy in our 'Health and Healing' topic.

Maths

This half term we will be working to secure our understanding of number and place value through our units on calculation. We will be looking how to use these skills within measurements, converting between measures and identifying missing angles. Then the children will also develop their understanding of shape where they will compare and classify geometric shapes, as well as naming part of a circle.

Science – Animals, including humans

In Science we will be learning about the parts of the human circulatory system: describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. The children will then be linking this with keeping healthy and the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way the body functions.

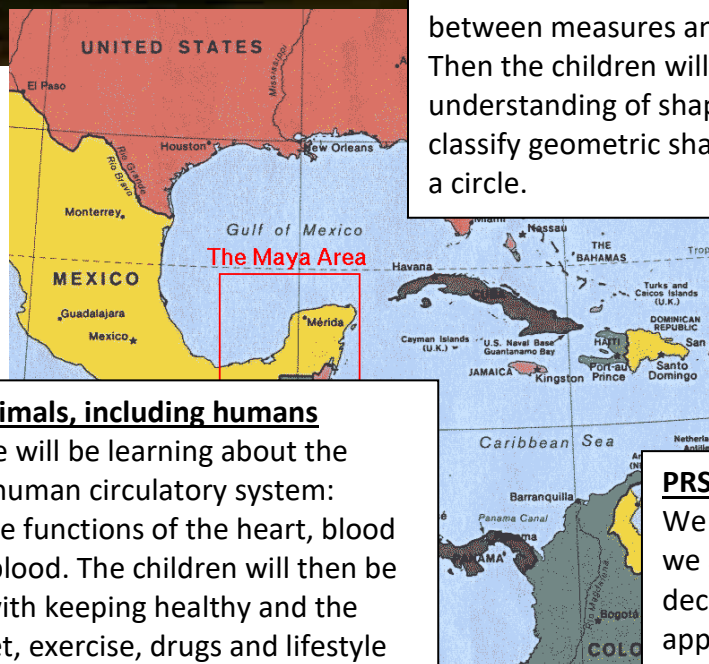
Art

In art, the children will be completing some Mayan drawings. They will look at how shading can change a piece of artwork, as well as understanding how sketches can communicate emotions.



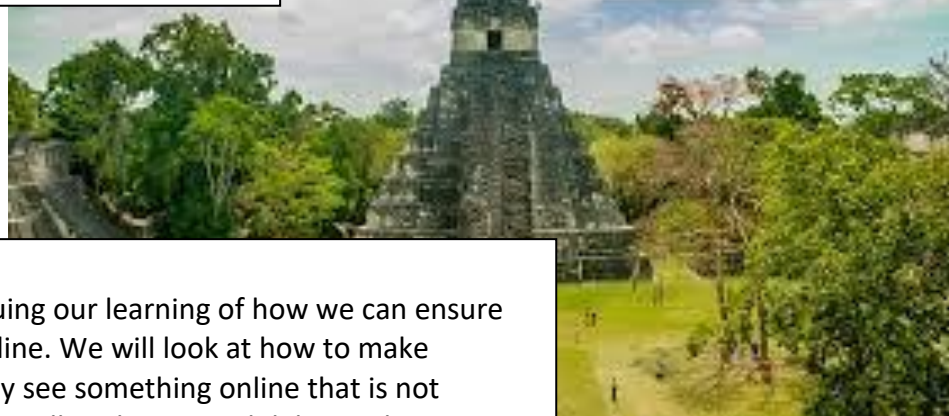
History– Ancient Mayan Civilisation

We will be learning about where the ancient Mayan civilisation fit on a timeline of History, to show the children how long ago it was. We will be then looking at Mayan architecture; how the Mayan God's influenced their lives and what they have brought forward to our lives today.



PRSHE

We are continuing our learning of how we can ensure we are safe online. We will look at how to make decisions if they see something online that is not appropriate, as well as discuss and debate what influences people's decisions, taking into consideration different viewpoints.



English

In English this half term the children will be looking at the book 'Our Tower'. They will use their reading skills to develop their understanding of the text, before then using this to write a story using a negative tone. The children will be working on and developing their use of punctuation in their writing.

In guided reading, the children will be continuing to read 'Cosmic'. Through this they will use and develop their reading skills to fully understand and immerse themselves in the text.

Computing

This half term the children will become Cryptographers and sort out which online behaviour are safe and unsafe. They will be considering the importance of passwords and keeping your information safe.

Music

We will be exploring music from 1920s animated films to present day movies. The children will learn techniques for creating soundtracks and film scores, and will compose their own movie music.

PE and Games

Games will still be on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Holmes our sports coach. Tracksuit bottoms may be worn outside during the colder weather. PE will continue to be dance this half term where they will develop their dance sequences and create a class dance. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week as sometimes there may be a timetabling change or we may have the opportunity to have an extra session. Please remind your child to take their kit home at the weekend to be washed. Long hair needs to be tied back and no jewellery (including earrings unless covered) is allowed to be worn during PE and Games sessions.

Home Learning

Home learning tasks will be set online on a Wednesday and should be handed in by the following Monday. Reading to your child as well as listening to them read is important to help your child progress, no matter how confident they are. We expect children to be reading at home at least 3 days a week. Please fill in their reading journals so they can be rewarded for reading at home.

Year 6 homework will be CGP books to help them prepare for their SATs at the end of the year.

