

History/geography/science/PSHE: Our science topic will be 'Evolution and inheritance.' The children will learn about variation and adaptation. They will be able to explore how both Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace separately developed their theories of evolution. They will examine the scientific evidence from plants and animals that has been gathered to support the theory of evolution. After half term we will explore light. **Our Geography topic will be 'How does South America compare to the UK? The children will** look at the human/ physical geography of South America using maps, satellite images, books and travel brochures and compare it to the UK. They will locate and find out about the Machu Picchu and climate zones. They will explore the Mayans after half term. A separate PSHE topic called 'Me and my relationships' will be followed from the SCARF scheme of work followed by a 'valuing difference' unit.

R.E. The class will be looking at 'What it means to be a Muslim in Britain today.' The children will be learning about INCARNATION and asking Was Jesus the Messiah? They will also learn about the religious significance of **Christmas**

Computing: Mrs Coles will look at 'Sharing information'. The children will be identifying and exploring how information is shared between digital systems. They will also explore '**Internet communication**'. During this unit, the children will recognise how the WWW can be used to communicate and be searched to find information.

Other: There will be a daily guided reading session which will involve tasks being set to be completed independently later in the week as well as giving the children a chance to complete an AR test once they have finished a book. The children will have weekly spelling and X table tests.

English (including drama) - Darwin's dragons by Lindsay Galvin (Lit Shed+ block)

We will begin the term by exploring the life of Charles Darwin and the children will write a biography.

Later in the term we will explore the **Day of the Dead** – (Lit Shed+ planning block) an animation and use it to inspire a narrative. We will also use **Mayan Civilisations (non fiction text** by Claire Hibbert) for some in depth reading comprehension activities.

As well as this, every Wednesday, the class have a SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) lesson.



Maths – This half term, Y5 will be looking at decimal fractions, money and negative numbers while Y6 will be taught about place value, including multiples of 1,000 and numbers up to 10,000,000.

There will also be a regular times table test on a Tuesday morning.

P.E: The children will have a dance session with a dance teacher every Monday for the first half term. Mr Tyrrell will be teaching PE every Thursday (for the 1st half of term) and Friday. Please could your child come to school in full kit on Monday, Thursday and Friday for the first half term. Mrs C.M. will be teaching gymnastics in the 2nd half term on a Tuesday.

French: Mrs Coles will be teaching a block of French about the Weather and the family.

Music: Getting started with music tech and Emotions and musical styles

Art: This half term's art is based around Frida Kahlo. She was famous for painting self-portraits and for painting women as strong people. She used vibrant colours to reflect her Mexican heritage. We will use these ideas to inspire our own art work and self-portraits.