



Otter's overview of Learning for Spring Term 1 - 2019/20



The Mayans

<p>Overview of Our Topic: This half term, we will be investigating the Mayan Civilisation, exploring when and where they lived, the incredible number system they developed, their style of writing and the legacy they left behind! We will also be exploring some incredible art work and DT related to the Mayans, and we can't wait to share it with you in our outcome!</p>		
<p>Vocabulary. These are words that we will be using in our learning. To help the children learn these new words, please have some fun using the words at home in different contexts. <i>monument, temple, ocelot, pyramid, warrior, codices, calendar, astronomy, stelae, hieroglyphics, maize, priest, homo sapiens & Mesoamerica.</i></p>		
<p>English This half term, the children will be writing tourism brochures for Mexico & exploring a selection of styles of writing through the Hampshire Information Book awards competition.</p>	<p>Science Our topic is Electricity. We will be exploring where and how electricity is used, how circuits work and how to stay safe when using it!</p>	
<p>Maths This half term we will be securing our place value understanding and developing our methods for the four rules. We will also continue to explore measure, shape and fractions.</p>	<p>Music This half term, we will be beginning to rehearse a song which we will be performing at an event called Orchestra Unwrapped, alongside a live orchestra! More information to follow soon!</p>	
<p>History Within our history lessons, we will be learning about Ancient Mayan Civilisation. We will compare their ancient beliefs with those of today, explore and discover what life was like of a Mayan and learn about the significant historical buildings and sculptures of these times.</p>	<p>Art & DT This term we will be exploring Mayan patterns and learning how to sew! We will also be learning about the art of the Mexican 'Day of the Dead'/'Dia de los Muertos' and how the Mayan's influenced this. We will use a range of different skills including collage, to produce a 3D face out of papier-mâché, decorating it with brightly coloured paint.</p>	
<p>Computing Alongside teaching the children about coding, the children will be developing their internet safety skills, before being able to safely use their own school email addresses.</p>	<p>PE (Monday and Tuesday PM) This half term, the children will be learning and developing their netball skills alongside swimming on a Friday! Please make sure kits are in school!</p>	
<p>PSHE We will be exploring how we grow and change as we get older.</p>	<p>RE This half term we will be looking at the concept of good and evil, exploring the Hindu festival of Holi.</p>	<p>MFL In French this term, the children will be learning about <i>On fait la fête (Celebrations)</i>.</p>