

Class: Beech
Spring Term: 2

Literacy

Key Text: Letter to the River Troll

Purpose for writing: Our literacy unit this term focuses on persuasive letter writing. We will be looking using specific techniques to persuade our readers to agree to our point of view.

Grammar: This term we will focus our grammatical learning on using cohesion across our paragraphs. We will also be expanding our learning on relative clauses to include parenthesis. Year 4s will be focusing on using the Standard English verb inflections in their writing.

Word Reading / Comprehension: As part of our reading this term, we will be focusing on our inference skills. We will be “detectives” looking at our evidence, before using what we know to make our judgements. We will also be practicing all our other VIPERS skills by completing reading comprehension exercises.

History

Focus: The Mayans

In this term's history unit we will be looking at the Mayan civilisation. We will begin our learning by understanding when the Mayan empire existed in relation to other civilisations we have learnt about. We will then explore how the Mayans were discovered and by whom.

We will become geographers for a lesson to understand how the Geography of the area influenced the way the Mayans lived. We will look at what they worshiped, how society was structured before finishing our journey by looking at Mayan temples and why they were so important.

DT

Focus: Frame structures

In DT this term, we will be looking at how the Mayans built structures. We will be learning about what makes a frame structure stable and how designers create buildings. To finish our unit, we will be creating our own Mayan frame structures.

Computing

Focus—Game creating

This term we are exploring how to create a simple computer game. We will look at our programming skills and the basics of how to create a computer game. Our computing module is based around Purple Mash platform which the children can access from home.

Quest: The Mayans

This term, our quest focus is based around our history topic. We will look at the empire and how it evolved, how the Mayans lived and what their society looked like.

Music

Focus: Lean on Me

This term we will learning a new song— Lean on Me by Bill Withers. This well known gospel song will be the basis of our music lessons this term. We will look at rhythm, pulse and beat as well as learning to sing the song and accompany it with instruments.

PE

Focus: Creative skills

This term in PE we will be focusing on our creative skills. We will learn what it means to be physically creative in our movements and how that can improve our performance. We will also be learning how to apply these skills to the sport of netball.

PHSE

Focus: Celebrating Difference

Both year groups will be completing our new PSHE scheme topic of celebrating difference. We will look at what it means to be different and how to be inclusive with others.

Maths

Year 4: Fractions

This term we will be commencing our unit on fractions. We will begin by recapping our learning from Year 3. We will looking in depth at mixed numbers before moving our learning onto improper fractions. We will begin learning about equivalent fractions before finally learning how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominators.

Year 5: Multiplication; Fractions

This term, Year 5s will be finishing their unit on fractions and consolidating their learning. They will be then be moving on to learning about decimals. They will recap their place value charts and look at the relationship between fractions and decimals. They will then extend this learning to include percentages. They will finish the unit by converting between fractions, decimals and percentages.

Science

Physics— Sound

This term in science we will be focusing our learning on Sound. We will begin our learning on understanding what sound is and how it travels. We will move on to looking at pitch and volume, ensuring we can identify different pitches. We will look at the relationship between how a sound travels and its pitch and volume. We will end the unit by looking at how sound is absorbed and how we can increase the distance it can travel.

RE

Focus: Christianity—How can God bring freedom and justice

In RE this term we will be looking at the concepts of salvation and freedom in theological terms.

French

Focus: Where you live

This term in French we will be learning the French words to describe where we live. We will also be learning how to ask our friends where they live, whilst being able to understand their response.

