

Communication, language and literacy

Writing: Charlie and the Chocolate factory by Roald Dhal. The children will write their own persuasive blogs/advertisements for their chocolate bar creations and will write instructions for a Maya traditional recipe (link with DT). They will also form their own narratives, innovating and inventing a new chapter to the original story.

Guided Reading: The Curse of the Maya. Using our VIPERS model, children will develop skills in Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summarising.

Children will also develop skills in reading comprehension via the Reading Plus platform and are encouraged to use this daily at home.

Mathematical Development

This term, the children will develop mathematical skills in Fraction, decimals and percentages; ratio and proportion; algebra and statistics.

Children will also develop skills in all areas of the mathematical curriculum via the IXL platform and are encouraged to use this daily at home.

Personal, social and emotional development

Children will think about how money is used in the wider world. They will learn about financial risk and making a return on an investment by taking part in Year 6 – The Apprentice!

In the second half of the term, children will learn about how to care for their bodies. They will learn about personal hygiene, the importance of sleep and exercise. They will also learn about body image, stereotypes and what substances are harmful to their bodies.

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The Maya Civilisation and the Amazing Americas

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

- **Geography:** Children will study North and South America and the countries that form them. They will learn about where the Maya Civilisation was first recognised and their cities and architecture.
- **History:** Children will learn about the history of chocolate in connection with the Maya Civilisation. They will study the Maya Civilisation within a worldwide context and contrast it with contemporary developments in Britain.
- **RE:** Children will learn a range of creation stories from world religions, including less known or extinct religions as well as different cultures.

Physical Development

- **Innovation Games:** Children will develop skills in Netball and Hockey. The children will learn how to pass and catch the ball using a range of techniques. They will develop skills in defense, including one-on-one marking and also in offense where they will use skills such as the dodge and straight lead run and the skill of pivoting.

Scientific Development

Properties and Changes of Materials: The children will learn about different materials, their uses and their properties, as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes.

Light: The children will learn about light, how we see, shadows, reflection and refraction. They will learn how light travels and how this enables us to see objects.

Creative Development

Art/Design Technology: Children will be designing and making their own chocolate bar packaging as well as preparing and cooking their very own chocolate recipe. During the second half of the term, children will develop skills in sculpturing and design and make a Maya mask.

- **Music:** Children will continue to develop skills in composing and learning new songs whilst developing skills on beat and rhythm.