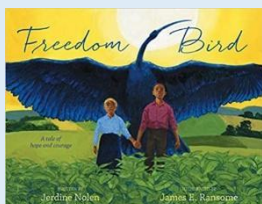


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English



Core Text:

Freedom Bird

Writing Outcome:

Narrative and Biography

Maths

Our main focus this half-term is fractions.

This will include:

- Multiplication
- Division
- Problem solving and reasoning

We will also continue to practice our mental and written calculation methods each week.

For more information refer to the Maths Knowledge Organisers on our class webpage.

Science: Living Things and their Habitats

What do we need to survive?

Key Knowledge: How plants reproduce and make new plants. How different animals reproduce and the gestation period. What is the different in life cycles of different species? We will be investigating the life cycle of a bird (chicken) by using the incubators at school and hopefully hatching some eggs!

Key Vocab: cycle, metamorphosis, photosynthesis, mammal, amphibian, insect, reproduction, cells, foetus, fertilisation, embryo, gestation, pollination, pregnancy.

History

Mayans

We will look at different aspects of the Mayan Civilisation including the importance of cocoa for food, currency & religious purposes. The children will also look at artefacts to discover more about the society.

PSHE

Bullying and Community

How can we be part of a successful community?

DT

Chocolate Packaging

Children will investigate, design and make a chocolate bar wrapper.

French

As-tu un animal?

Children will learn to say the name of different animals in French, ask if someone has a pet and to give an answer back. They will start to use the simple conjunctions et (and) and mais (but) to make more complex and interesting sentences.

Computing

Programming

Children will learn the basics of programming using events to sequence a set of instructions, as well as modifying these to make improvements.

RSE

My Feelings; My Body

We will send home parent info booklets before each session.

PE

Tuesdays: Swimming

Thursdays: Fitness

RE

How has belief in Christianity/Islam impacted on music and art throughout history?

Homework

In Year 5 & 6, children should continue to read regularly and those who are not yet confident in times tables should be encouraged to keep playing on TT Rockstars.

Each week the children will also bring home their arithmetic tests so they can practice questions they found difficult.

Weekly homework is given out each Friday and marked the following Friday - this will alternate between Maths and English and be stuck in their homework books.

Half-term Homework Project: Geography

The children should choose a landscape of their choice. This could be lakes, mountains, glaciers, seas, oceans, deserts, coastal areas, woodlands or any other. They can present it however they wish, which could be a piece of artwork, a PowerPoint, poster, fact file or a model.