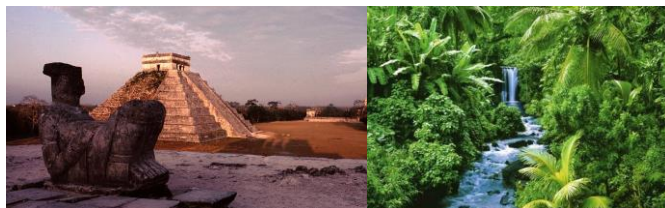




Kibworth Primary School Year 6: Autumn Term 2



Amazing Americas




Dear Parents/Carers,

Half a term down, and the children are well into the swing of Year 6. It was great to see them really engage with our last topic, *Frozen Kingdoms*, where our learning linked to environmental issues around the globe: they were shocked to hear about the rapid rate at which the polar regions are melting and the impact this is having on the animals that live there. Outside of the classroom, we had an unforgettable end to term with our Castleton residential: the children had so much fun, and it was great to see them develop some of their teamwork skills as well as their independence.

Despite the long nights rolling in, Autumn 2 promises to hold a lot of new learning and exciting festive activities as we make our way towards Christmas. Our topic for this term takes on a tropical adventure to South America. We will be taking a trip back in time to learn about the Mayans and what made them such a successful civilisation. After this, we will be learning all about the importance of the rainforest and the devastating impact that deforestation is having. In December, Year 6 will also be visiting *The Warning Zone* in Leicester which will give the children a fantastic opportunity to learn about safety online and in the real world.

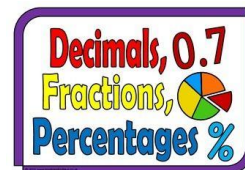
Please find below a summary of our learning for this term.

Literacy	
To write a persuasive leaflet using a range of informal devices.	To write a persuasive letter using a range of formal devices.
<p>To begin the term, we will be exploring persuasive leaflets and investigating informal writing devices such as contractions and dashes to add extra information. The children will then apply their learning and create their own persuasive leaflet about a South American country of choice.</p>	<p>To finish off the term, children will investigate the skills of discussion writing. They will learn how to use a range of cohesive devices in order to aid their writing, and ultimately write a persuasive letter to urge companies to halt deforestation.</p> 

Maths

Fractions, decimals and percentages



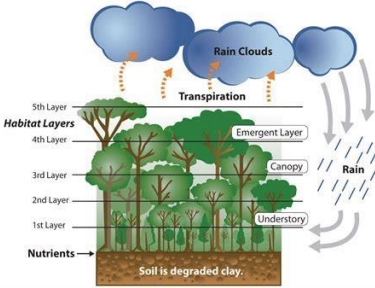


A large part of the Year 6 maths curriculum focuses on children's ability to be able to calculate accurately and fluently with fractions, decimals and percentages. We will spend quite a large chunk of time ensuring that children understand key skills linked to these topics as well as developing their reasoning skills to access higher order problem solving.



Key areas of learning:

Science - Circulatory System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know the main parts of the human circulatory system Know the function of the heart, blood vessels and blood Know the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on health Know the ways in which nutrients and water are transported in animals, including humans 	History - Why were the Mayans so successful? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know when and where the Mayans lived Know what daily life was like for the Mayans Know why the Mayans were such as successful civilisation Know how the Mayans compare to the Anglo Saxons
DT - Recyled Clothing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know how to create a step-by-step plan. Know which tool to use for a specific practical task. Know how to use a tool correctly and safely. Know what each tool is used for. Know how to join different materials 	R.E - What matters most to Christians and Humanists? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know what Christians mean about humans being made in the image of God and being 'fallen', giving examples. Know how to describe some Christian and Humanist values simply. Know how to express their own ideas about some big moral concepts, such as fairness or honesty comparing them with the ideas of others they have studied. Know why it might be helpful to follow a moral code and why it might be difficult, offering different points of view.
Computing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know how websites are structured. Know what the features of a web page are. Know that images are copyrighted and explain why. Know the need to preview web pages. Know why a navigation path is useful. Know what a hyperlink is. 	Online Safety - Privacy and Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know effective ways that people can manage passwords. Know what to do if a password is shared, lost or stolen. Know why people should keep their software and apps up to date. Know simple ways to increase privacy on apps. Know how online content can target people to gain money or information illegally. <p>Know that online services had terms and conditions that govern their use.</p>

Outline of Learning Journey

Week 1 : When and where did the Mayans live?	
	Children will be introduced to the civilisation of the Mayans. They will learn where, geographically, they lived and when they lived. Using their chronology skills, the children will compare the Mayans to civilisations from Europe.
Week 2 and 3: Why were the Mayans so successful?	
	Children will learn in more detail about the Mayan civilisation: they will learn about their daily life and about their legacy - what did they leave the world? The children will then recap their learning from previous years and compare the Mayans to the Anglo Saxons.
Week 4: What is the rainforest biome like?	
	In this week, we will learn about the rainforest biomes. They will identify where in the world rainforest are located. Then children will look at the different layers of the rainforest and what animals and plants are found there.
Week 5 and 6: Why are the rainforests so important?	
	We will learn why the rainforests are so important to the world today and the reasons why they are being cut down. The children will identify key areas in the world that are suffering from deforestation and how many countries are uniting together to protect this biome.
Week 7 and 8: Express	
	Over the course of the term, children will develop their understanding of web pages and will investigate how to use Microsoft Sway to create their own website. The children will then choose their own areas linked to our topic to research and present using this format.

Key Information:

- P.E in Year 6 will take place on a Monday and a Friday afternoon
Please make sure that children have appropriate clothing and footwear for the changing weather.

- Homework is given out on a Friday and will comprise of a mixture of Maths, Reading, Grammar or Spelling. We will be continuing to develop the use of TEAMS for children to submit their learning electronically. It is due back in the following Wednesday. We understand that due to busy schedules, children on occasions find it difficult to find time to complete homework at home. If that is the case, we can find time for them during school time to complete this.
- Reading Diaries will be checked weekly in Year 6 to keep track of the reading that is taking place. Children with up-to-date diaries will be entered into the school reading raffle for a chance win a £5 voucher for the Kibworth Book Shop.

Things that you could do at home that could really make a difference to learning:

- Please continue to support your children with their reading at home. With the new curriculum, standards have increased, and it is vital that children in Year 6 continue to read regularly to improve their fluency, reading comprehension and understanding of language.
- Rapid recall of times tables is absolutely key to succeeding with maths in Year 6. Key areas of our curriculum such as calculation, fractions and percentages are underpinned by a sound knowledge of these facts. Please continue to encourage your children to practise these at home. We will have times table races every week at school to practise.
- Century is also a useful tool to learn, practice and consolidate all areas of maths. Children's logins are in their home learning books.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Parrott, Mrs Walsh and Miss Hyman

Here are a few websites that may help to support your child's learning during his half term.

Maths:

Century Maths

<https://app.century.tech/login/>

Interactive games to practise times tables

<http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/mathmagician/mathsmulti.html>

Times Table Rockstars

<https://ttrockstars.com/login>

Maths activities

<http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage>

Literacy:

Grammar

<http://www.ks2phonics.org.uk/Clausesandconnectives.html>