

In Maths this term we will be focusing on number and place value, decimals and geometry. When we look at number and place value, we will closely link it to Mayans and learn about their number systems.

This term we will be looking at various types of writing within English.

Our writing cycles will incorporate themes from our chosen books: 'The Great Chocoplot' and 'The Chocolate Tree'.

We will be exploring the features of a range of texts within our writing. This includes narratives, newspaper articles, explanation texts and persuasive writing.

In Science, we will be learning all about materials and comparing solids, liquids and gases. We will explore how temperature can cause substances to change state. We will learn about the properties of materials and compare them.

We will investigate the changing states of chocolate, and apply our knowledge to the chocolate-making process.

Cocoa Loco - The Mayans

During Geography we will be looking at maps and identifying what we might see in South America. We will find Mayan locations on a map and describe what it would be like to live there.

Within Music, we will be learning about different pieces of music from advertisements. We will recreate these using our own melodies and lyrics using a range of instruments, before composing our own.

Through RE, we will be learning about Muslims in Britain, and Jesus the Messiah. We will answer the question, "Why do Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah?"

In PE we will be covering Hockey and Gymnastics. We will learn about the rules and how to play these sports safely.

In Computing we will be learning about internet safety, and then producing our own chocolate adverts.

In Art this term we will be developing and applying our painting and digital media skills. We will be studying the artwork of Frida Kahlo and creating our own portraits in her style, as well as exploring digital advertising.

During Design and Technology, we will be learning about Mayan Temples. We will be practising our construction skills to be building our very own models!

In History we will be looking in depth at who the Mayans and when they existed as a civilisation. We will learn about what life was like for them and how they developed chocolate from the cocoa bean.

In our French lessons this term, we will be refreshing our knowledge of French sounds, learning about Mathematical calculations and developing our speaking skills.

In PSHE, we will be exploring goals for the year, roles and responsibilities of a good citizen. We will identify the actions and consequences and how your behaviour can impact other people. We will think about bullying and cultural differences.

Over the course of this term, we will be exploring our learning through the theme Cocoa Loco. We are looking forward to exploring this topic with the children and encourage them to research as much as they can to develop their knowledge on this topic.

Children need their PE kit in school at all times. Although we try and stick to the same 2 days for PE it is inevitable that for some weeks this will change due to unforeseen circumstances. For this reason, we ask that each child has their PE kit in school at all times.

Cedar: Monday and Thursday

Oak: Monday and Tuesday

A PE kit should include a Cam Woodfield Junior t-shirt, black or blue shorts and daps or trainers. It is recommended that the children have warm clothes for outdoor PE. This can include a jumper and jogging bottoms. Please ensure all children's clothing is named, as it makes it easier to return if lost. Finally, if your child uses shin pads in a club and would like to bring them into school for hockey, they are more than welcome to do so.

There will be a particular focus on times tables (including division facts).

Friday: Times Tables test

Times tables: As a school we are focusing on times tables. It is the expectation of the National Curriculum that children learn their times tables with rapid recall. This means your child will need to learn each times table off by heart- without having to 'work it out'. All children have log in details to access Times Table Rockstars, which can be used on any smart device via an app as well as on a computer. Children are expected to practise times tables at least 3 times per week.

Homework will be handed out at the beginning of each term. This will include a variety of activities that will support the learning of the children's' theme. Throughout the term, the children will be expected to choose and complete 10 activities to complete and bring in. **The deadline for these activities to be completed this term is Friday 10th December.**

Alongside this homework, children are expected to **read at least 3 times per week**. This should be recorded in their reading records and handed in to the teacher each Thursday.

Dates to remember:

- Thursday 21st October - School finishes for Half Term
- Friday 22nd October INSET Day - Children not in school
- Monday 1st November - Autumn Term 2 begins - Children in school
- Friday 22nd November - Cedar Class Assembly
- Friday 17th December - School finishes for Christmas Holiday