St Michael's Church of England, VA, Primary and Nursery School

Rowan
2021-2022
The Ancient Maya
1st half Autumn Term 2021

Mathematics

In maths this half term we will be continuing our learning addition and subtraction, focusing on the column methods and how to apply this to checking answers and problem solving.

After this, we will be starting multiplication and division working on our times tables (especially important for Year 4 with the multiplication test later this year) as well as multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100.

PE

Rowan Class has PE on a Tuesday and Friday, please can children come to school on these days in their PE kits.

This half term we will be working on dance. We will also be working on social skills during both PE lessons – looking at giving our own ideas in a positive way and listening and encouraging others.

English

For our first piece of English we are going to use The Great Kapok Tree to inspire our narratives. We will make use of speech, fronted adverbials and work on creating exciting plots.

Then we will develop our vocabulary and editing through rainforest poetry!

Geography

This half term Rowan class will be exploring the Amazon rainforest. We will start by finding out about the continent of South American before diving into the forest itself to learn all about how it works, who lives there and how it is similar or different to other areas around the world.

DT

This half term Rowan class will be getting out their sewing needles as we learn different stitches and techniques. This will lead us to showing off our learning by creating our own Maya/Rainforest style headbands.

Religious Education

We will thinking deeply about our enquiry question:

Where do Christian beliefs come from?

Science

This half term we will become scientific experts on states of matter. We will learn what makes something a solid, liquid or gas and investigate how temperature can change a state of matter. We will also be learning about the water cycle and what makes it rain.

Forest School, Spanish, Computing and Music

Rowan class will be split into year groups for these subjects and alternate half terms between forest schools or Spanish, computing and music.

Forest school half terms:

Year 3 – Autumn 2, Spring 2, Summer 2

Year 4 – Autumn 1, Spring 1, Summer 1