

## Mathematical skills and development.

Oak class mathematicians will be looking to develop the skills that they have learnt so far this year. Our primary focus is on number, where we will look to extend our understanding to tackle decimals, percentages, dividing fractions and multi-step problems. We will also be exploring converting measure and ratio.

## RE/PSHE

R.E this term focusses on the virtues of god: looking at what it means for God to be holy and loving whilst PSHE looks at dreams and goals, letting the children explore what they may need to do to achieve their goal. Following this, they will look at health benefits; both mind and body.

## Topic

Our Historians will be traveling back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century to explore the lives of the Aztecs this half term. They will explore the rich cultural history of the Aztecs; with a focus on their religion, how they were governed, warfare, the lives of Aztec children and the inventions of the Aztecs. We will be recreating the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan and re-enacting Aztec battles that involves some rather colourful war paint, weaponry and dressing up.

In Geography, the children will be looking at distribution of natural resources. This primarily looks at trade and ethical elements, such as fairtrade.

## Computing

Oak computing will be done by Mr Middleton this term and will be focussed around making a game through scratch and the plethora of skills required to do so effectively.

## English skills and development.

We start Spring term with a look at Kensuke's Kingdom, a story of a young boy who finds himself on a desert island with nature and a mysterious figure who helps him along the way. The children will continue to build on their bank of literary techniques, introducing symbolism as well as looking to extend our use of familiar techniques, such as abstract nouns, use of the dash/ semi-colons and the impact of a rhetorical question. The children will use this to create an adventure story of their own.

Following on from this, our writers will be looking at The Middler, an exciting mystery story by Kirsty Applebaum before focussing our writing on the children's residential trip to Grenville House.

Alongside these focus books, we will be looking at high quality texts in guided reading and we will continue to encourage the children to read books by these authors at home as well as school to expose them to a rich body of texts that are appropriate for their reading levels.

# Angry Aztecs

## PE/Games

In P.E this term, our budding athletes will be taking part in multi-skills and Dance for the opening half term. Dance will be directly linked to the children's CLC music event that will be held at the Great Hall on Friday the 28th February. The second half of term will see the children do Handball and Hockey.

## DT/Art

DT this term will see Oak class creating Aztec masks and shields as well as Constructing planets whilst Art focusses on the wonderful Salvador Dali in relation to our topic of space.

## Science

Oak scientists will be exploring light and space this term. They will look at key features of light and its importance to our existence before exploring the wonders of space. The children will be able to do this with real practicality as they are visited by a planetarium in the second half of term.