



**Torriano
Primary School**

Curriculum
Information

Spring 2018



Who do I want to be?



Caring

Respectful

Curious

Honest

Informed

Active

Empathetic

Resilient

This term we will be learning about the ancient Maya civilization. A number of exciting learning opportunities have been planned including a 'Mexicolore' workshop and a visit from one of the world's experts on Mayan archaeology, Dr Diane Davis.

In addition, we will be visiting the Royal Observatory to kick start our science topic this term.

We also have the exciting Year 5 residential trip to look forward to in February.

Topic



This term we will be studying the Maya and answering the question: 'Maya, an innovative society or a community destined to fail?' We will be using a range of historical artefacts and maps throughout the unit. The **mexicolore** workshop and working with Dr Diane Davies (an archaeologist) will help consolidate the topic learning.

English



We will start by writing narratives based on a short animated film. The children will learn how to create tension and suspense as well as how to show and not tell how a character is feeling in order to interest the reader.

They will also create non-fiction report writing based on our topics of The Maya and Space.

Maths



We will spend time investigating the following areas of maths: multiplication and division; fractions, decimals and percentages; shape, measures and we will be using all four number operations within these topics.

We will also improve our reasoning skills and depth of knowledge in these key areas using Add'em's questions and scale.

Science



We will be focusing on the topic of Space. Children will be studying the Earth's rotation and will be learning about the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system.

Leading up to the STEAM exhibition we will be learning about communication at a microbial up to universal level to try to create a universal language.



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PE

Year 5 will have swimming lessons on Thursday mornings. Please make sure your child has their swimming kit, including a swimming cap. On Thursday afternoons they will take part in dance workshops culminating in a performance as part of the Camden Dance Festival in March.

RE

We follow a concept based way of teaching Religious Education. The children will learn about religion through an enquiry-based approach. The year 5 concepts this term are 'Prophecy' and 'The Magi'.

Art

The we will be developing pastel drawing techniques to draw quetzal bird (a Maya sacred bird). For **STEAM**, we will also be weaving and sewing our very own Space mission badges.

Music

The children will work weekly with Mr Cambata, continuing their topic work in music. They will use the topic of **Space** as a stimulus to compose their own space song. They will be writing the lyrics, melody and chord structure before finally recording their piece. Look out for it on the website!

MFL

The children will work weekly with Mr Bioletti. This term we will be investigating reflexive verbs within the context of school and daily life. We will also extend upon our knowledge of adjectives and adverbs when giving opinions.

PSHCE

Children will be exploring our new school values through discussion with a focus on exploratory talk.

We will also be exploring how to be an effective learner, how to feel good about ourselves and how to live as part of a democracy.

Computing

The children will begin to use the Google Drive to work collaboratively and access their own space within our Google Classroom. We will also be using and coding Raspberry Pis as part of our STEAM project.