



Carnforth Christ Church C of E Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring Term edition of the Curriculum News. We hope that you will find it useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, via the school office, if you have any questions regarding the curriculum this term.

This term in Oak Class our topic will be
'The Magnificent Maya'.

We will focus our learning on the question: **What was life like in Ancient Maya?**



We will be exploring their cities, religion and beliefs, architecture, art and daily lifestyle.

Additionally, we will be learning about the Geography of Central America. This will include learning about the location, climate, culture - including food - and traditions of this vibrant country.

Within **English** lessons, we will be studying biographies and will be writing and presenting them to a group. During the second half term, we will be completing work based on the book, 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd.

Throughout these topics, we will be writing for a range purposes and developing our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills.

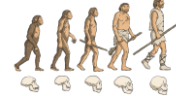
In Maths lessons, we will be continuing to work on our knowledge of calculation, problem solving and reasoning.



In **RE** this half term, we will be learning about the Eucharist, making links between the Eucharist service, Last Supper and Passover. To support our learning within this unit, Father Stephen has kindly agreed to meet us in church, where we will be able to ask questions and see artefacts used within the service.

Within **PSHE**, we will be learning about the importance of maintaining our physical and mental health. We will explore the benefits and importance of daily exercise, good nutrition, and sleep; and learn about the ways in which our hobbies, interest and participation in the wider community can benefit our mental wellbeing.

During **Science** lessons, we will begin by developing our knowledge of human life cycles. The children will be able to describe the changes as humans develop to old age (including within gestation and puberty). We will then explore Evolution and Inheritance. The children will learn to recognise that living things have changed over time, fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago and living things produce offspring. We will also identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment, in different ways, and that adaptation may lead to evolution.



In **Computing**, we will be starting the unit 'We are Connected', learning how to use sites such as WordPress to safely create a blog.

PE for will be on **Tuesdays** and we will be taught Tag Rugby for Spring 1 by a specialist coach. *Please ensure your child arrives at school in a full outdoor PE kit.* During the first half term, we will also be swimming on a **Wednesday** morning. Please ensure children are in school, swim-ready (with PE kit), to set off to the pool at **8.40am**.

A **Homework** timetable for **spellings** will be sent out at the start of each half term and it will also be available on the **school website class pages**. Our weekly **spelling test** will be on a **Friday** morning.

We will also expect the children to **read at home on a daily basis** and practise their times tables weekly using **TT Rock Stars**.

Please hear your child read as frequently as possible and make a comment in their reading record. Reading records will be monitored weekly. Please send **reading records** into school **daily**

If you have any concerns, or would like to discuss any part of your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,
Miss Sophie Wooff and Mrs Ashlea Unsworth