



Summer 2 UKS2 Curriculum Newsletter

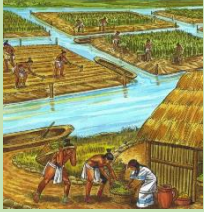


Dear Parents,

Welcome to our newsletter for the final half term of the year. This term promises to be a busy one with Aspirations Week, Health and Fitness Week and also lots of exciting new learning for the children. Please find details below of the units that we will teach in the lead up to the Summer break.

History: Ancient Maya

In History this term, we are continuing to learn about The Ancient Maya. Children will be delving deeper into the key events of the Mayan Era. We will look closer at influential Mayan kings who ruled over their lands and the legacy that they left behind. We will close our unit by exploring the revolutionary farming techniques that the Mayans used to cultivate their diverse landscape.



Art: Mayan Masks (sculpture)

In art, children will be designing and creating their own Mayan masks. Leading up to this, children will work with clay and experiment with different joining methods. We will refine our drawing and painting skills, practising different brush strokes. Pupils will analyse Ancient Mayan masks and take influence from these in order to design their own. Children will eventually sculpt their own mask and use paint to decorate them.



Science:

During this upcoming half term, children will delve into the intricacies of the circulatory system, engaging in interactive activities to enhance their understanding. They will have the opportunity to physically enact the functions of the circulatory system, gaining first-hand experience. Additionally, they will actively explore the impact of exercise on their heart rate and will conduct investigations and measurements to evaluate lung capacity. Furthermore, children will learn about the significance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, including the educating the students on the detrimental effects of smoking and other substances.

PE:

In PE this term we will be developing our Athletics (Sprinting, relay, jumping and throwing) and Striking and Fielding (Cricket) knowledge.

PE days:

Doves: Monday and Friday
Kingfishers: Monday & Tuesday
Eagles: Wednesday & Thursday

RE:

In RE this term we are learning about the philosophy of Humanism! We will be having debates in class considering what makes someone a good person and why religion is important to some people. The children will be completing a piece of Art, and some will be selected to enter the Spirited Arts Competition!

PSHE:

In PSHE we are continuing to focus on health and wellbeing in school. Specifically, we are learning about how we grow and change both physically and mentally. We continue to build on British Values, of which there are 5, I wonder if your child can tell you some of them?

Computing:

Children will be completing a project this half term, which will involve them producing and editing videos using the iMovie app. This will start with looking at short films such as adverts, and evaluating their use of camera angles, effects and sound. Once they have identified what makes an effective film, they will produce their own, on subjects linked to prior or current learning at The Gates.



MFL:

This half term, pupils will be looking at the weather through our unit *Quel Temps Fait-il?* They will learn how to say, read and write a variety of phrases about the weather, including changing tenses to discuss what the weather was like on a prior day, or what the weather will be like in future. They will use the weather as an opportunity to learn more about French geography, and further develop their conversational skills.



Please ensure your child is always fully prepared for the school day with their school bag, reading record & reading book, homework, and anything else they may have been asked to bring in.



Home Learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day
- Practise spellings & x tables
- Complete one example from the half termly project list

Reading Challenge

5 x= Green; 2/3/4= Yellow; 0/1= Red



Attendance

We are continuing to have a big push on our attendance across school, it is crucial for your children that they are in school every day in order to support them in reaching their full potential. We have seen a real improvement but need to continue with this to reach our whole school target of 96%.

%	Term 1 days lost	To Feb Half term	Term 2 days lost
100%	0	0	0
98%	1.5	2	2.5
97%	2	3	3.5
96%	2.5	4	5
95%	3.5	5	6
94%	4	6	7.5
93%	4.5	7	9
92%	5	7.5	10
91%	5.5	8	11
90%	6	9	12.5

Twitter Pages

Each class has a Twitter page which is updated regularly. You can see all the exciting things we have been getting up to in school and how hard the children are working. Please follow us to keep updated!

@GatesDoves
@GatesKingfishers
@GatesEagles

