

Opal Class Newsletter

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We hope you all had a restful and relaxing half term. We are very excited to be introducing a brand new topic– never been taught at South Avenue before... Magnificent Maya! So here's an idea of the exciting activities your child can look forward to this term.

Curriculum Information

Literacy: We will be creating non-chronological reports about the Maya people as well as writing our own Maya myths.

Maths: The children will be focussing on area, properties of number and problem solving.

Science:

We will be investigating the rainforest habitat and studying the lifecycles of some of the animals that live there.

PE: This term, we will be perfecting our tag-rugby and tennis skills.

Art/ DT: We will be designing and making several works of art based on and inspired by the Maya culture.

Topic: We will be immersing ourselves in the Magnificent Maya culture. It will be taught through most of the curriculum subjects.

Computing: How did the Maya people communicate? We will be investigating the writing and number system of the Maya and sending our own messages to each other.

PSHE: We will be continuing to develop strategies to help us maintain healthy relationships and how to cope with difficult situations. Michelle from SALUS will be delivering these sessions.

RE: We will be investigating the Maya belief system.

Music: The children will be listening to traditional Maya music as well as learning to play the ocarinas.

French: The children will be continuing to learn how to communicate in French.



P.E. is on **Wednesday & Fridays** this term.

Please could you ensure your child has their **correct** P.E kit in school and that it is appropriate for the weather; we will go outside come rain or shine! **Please remove earrings on these days.**



Term 3 Events

20th February: Astrodome

1st March: World Book Day

26th February– 5th March Bikeability

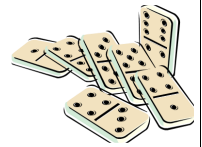
5th & 6th March: Parent's evening

13th– 15th March: Mother's Day event

29th March– End of term 4 (1.30pm finish)

How can you help at home?

Times tables,
Reading,
Spelling games,
Playing board games etc.



Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, no juice or squash please. Thank you.**



Reading at home

Reading is a tricky skill to master and your **child will benefit from reading with you at home as much as possible in order to build confidence and fluency.** This includes lots of 'book talk' e.g. what the characters think and how they feel, what will happen next etc.

We hope that each child will be able to read at least **3 times each week** and that their reading record is returned to school signed by an adult.



Attendance

Thank you so much to all of you who ensure that your child is in school on time each day. We would really appreciate it if you could continue to do so – let's aim to be the class with the **BEST** attendance in term 4!