



Steeton Primary School

UKS2



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Bean to Bar - Mayans

Our History and Geography topic this term is all about the Ancient Maya civilisation. In our 'Bean to Bar' unit, children will explore who the Maya people were, where they lived in Mesoamerica, and why farming and trading cacao (used to make chocolate) was so important in their culture. They will compare the Maya civilisation with life in Ancient Britain by looking at timelines and using artefacts to find out more about the past. The topic will end with a look at how chocolate is made today and how the process has changed over time.



Magic Monday

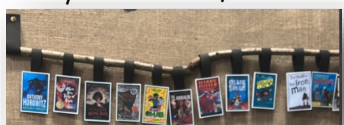
As part of Magic Monday, children will be exploring the work of artist Ian Viggars to design their own chocolate bar wrapper inspired by Pop Art. They will begin by creating a mood board filled with bold neon fonts and use colour wheels to choose contrasting colours that really stand out. To complete their final design, children will use origami techniques to craft a box for their chocolate bar, bringing together their creative ideas in a fun and practical way.



English

A new school year brings an exciting collection of books for our children to enjoy. Each class will explore a variety of authors and genres to help foster a love of reading. We've also upgraded our school libraries to support book sharing and access across the school. Children are expected to read daily at home and return their books with completed reading logs once finished.

In English, children will be using *Holes* by Louis Sachar as a stimulus for narrative writing. They will explore the story's characters, setting, and themes to help develop their own imaginative writing. This unit will support children in using rich vocabulary, improving their story structure, and writing engaging dialogue.



Science

Our Science topic this half term will be Enquiry. Studying how scientists find out questions about our world. They do this through, research, observing over time, fair test, identifying and classifying and pattern seeking.

Children will be using their enquiry skills to test to find conclusions to questions such as:

- Does percentage of cocoa in chocolate effect how quickly it melts?
- Which organs make up our circulation system and where are they found?
- Do all objects fall through water in the same way?
- Why do people start to get grey hair when they get older?

Pupil Offer / Dates for Your Diary

2.9.25 School reopens for children

8.9.25 parent drop-in to classes to meet new teacher

18.9.25 school photo day

9.10.25 World of Work Day.

Other Information

PE timetables have changed. Children will have a weekly PE lesson. Ash class have PE every Wednesday. Holly class have PE every Wednesday. Silber Birch class have PE every Thursday! Please make sure they are wearing school PE kits on these days.

Plain black trainers can be worn everyday as part of school uniform.

Children MUST bring a bag to school everyday.