



Class A

Autumn Term 2017

Welcome back to school and I hope that you have had a good summer holiday. The children have already made a great start to the new school year and are busy settling into their new classes. As always there are lots of things to learn about this term as you will see below:

Our main topic this term will be **The Aztecs**. As many subjects as possible will be incorporated into this topic.

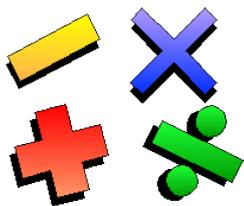
English



We will be practising the writing process (plan, draft, write, evaluate and edit). Our writing will cover a variety of genres to include non-chronological reports, journalistic writing, poetry and story writing.

We will continue with Guided Reading and 'Reciprocal Reading' in groups, comprehension and daily spelling practice.

There will be a short daily grammar and punctuation lesson which will cover the use of commas for clarity, subordinate and main clauses, conjunctions and active and passive verb forms.



Maths

Our lessons this term will focus on place value including negative numbers, Roman numerals and rounding, the four operations (+ - x ÷), prime numbers, statistics and lots of reasoning and problem solving.

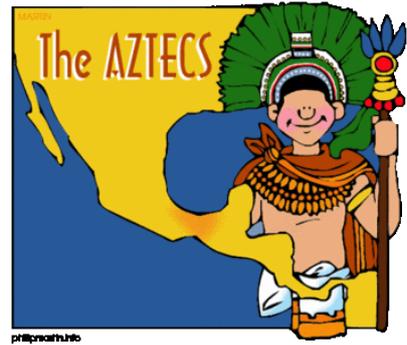
It is important for children to know their times tables to 12 x 12 with good recall; they will find Maths lessons very hard without this knowledge.

Please help them to learn them if they are still unsure. There are lots of online games to help.

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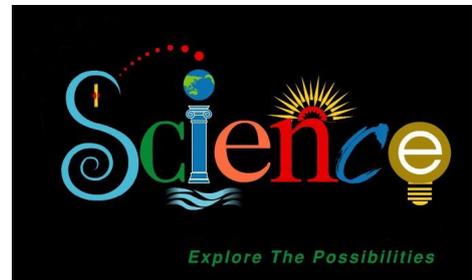
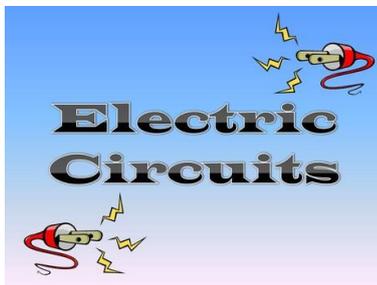
History/Geography

We will be finding out all about the Aztecs. The class will investigate what daily life was like for the Aztecs, their beliefs and the fall of the Aztec Empire.



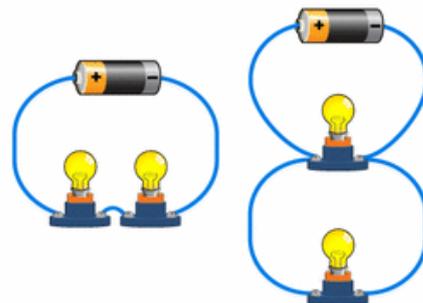
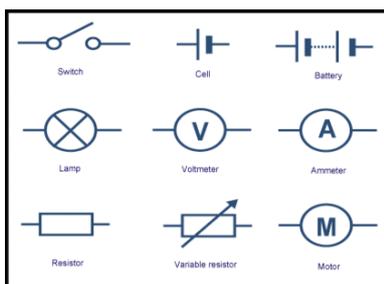
They will learn about the history of chocolate and be visited in school by a chocolatier!

They will learn about the geographical features of Mexico.



The children will have the opportunity to work scientifically. We will focus on Electricity.

They will learn to associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit and use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.



PSHE/Religious Education



We will explore the themes of 'New beginning' and 'Respecting yourself and others'.



We will also have a weekly 'What's in the News?' discussion when we talk about topical issues.

Art / Design & Technology

We will learn how to weave, create Aztec mosaics and jewellery and make a model of an Aztec temple.

The children will also design and make their own tortilla wraps and prepare hot chocolate for an Aztec feast.



MUSIC

The children will be focussing on musical notation and developing a practical understanding of beat and rhythm with Mrs Harding.



Computing

The children will continue to develop their coding skills and learn about online safety with a local expert.

Spanish



The children will learn to greet someone, introduce themselves, ask how someone is, numbers 1 to 10 and sing songs in Spanish to reinforce key vocabulary.

iHola, somos Clase A!

(Hello, we are Class A!)

PE

PE will take place outdoors on Friday afternoons. The children will be working to improve their invasion games skills. They will require tracksuit bottoms and appropriate footwear for when the weather gets chilly.

The children will also have the opportunity to experience 'Boxing for Fitness' and Tag Rugby with coaches. Please ensure that your child's full kit is in school at **ALL** times.



Swimming will be on Monday afternoons this term and the class will also take part in 'The Daily Mile' to improve fitness and wellbeing.

Homework

This term we will begin a new way of doing homework. Every Thursday, the children will be given their Brain Builder homework.



They will choose one or more of the set activities to complete.

The work should be well quality and take up no more than 2 pages of their Brain Builder book.

Good work will be shared in class and assemblies.

In addition, Reading should take place daily and needs to be recorded in the Reading Record book. Please try to write a comment in the Reading Record book when you hear your child read and discuss the content of what they have read with them.



Each week your child will also have spellings to learn both at home and in school.

I look forward to working in partnership with you and to a happy and successful year for the children. If you have any questions regarding our work this term or your child's progress, please feel free to come and discuss them with me after school.

Kind regards, Mrs Guy
