

St Faith's C.E. Primary School

Class: Beech / Year 6

Teaching team: Mrs Cole (class teacher), Miss John (class teacher) Marc Gillingham (PE and Learning Support Assistant)

Curriculum News: Spring 2026 **Topic:** How are we different but also the same? (History led topic comparing and contrasting the Maya civilisation with British history)

English

Spelling focus: accuracy of high frequency words in written work; exploration of words with the same prefixes and suffixes; dictionary and thesaurus skills and Spelling Frame practice

Grammar focus: phrases and clauses; conjunctions; verb tenses and modal verbs; full range of punctuation marks; **revision of all skills**

Reading: range of heritage texts including 'Great Expectations' by Charles Dickens and 'Hound of the Baskervilles' by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle; 'The Island' picture book by Armin Greder; 'Journey to Jo'burg' by Beverly Naidoo; and reading comprehension skills, frequent independent reading, 1-1 reading with Class Teacher

Writing genre: descriptive writing, persuasive and balanced arguments, recounts, information texts, leaflets, narrative writing, formal letters

Drama: linked to 'The Island' book study

Science:

Spring 1: Animals including Humans

The children will be able to identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. They will carry out 'hands-on' investigations to find out the impact of exercise on their body and use data handling skills, such as scatter graphs.

Spring 2: Light

The children will carry out a number of different experiments and investigations to explore how light travels. They will find out about reflections, spectrums of light and colour filters.

Messages

- Make sure that your reading records and yellow spellings books come into school **every day**
- Use reading records to chart all homework completed – including reading and tables practice
- Always try to do your homework **as soon as it is set, to keep your weekends free**
- Ensure uniform is smart and in line with school policy

Trips and Visits

Friday 23rd January – RE Curriculum Day
Natural History Museum – date TBC
Maya Headdress Fashion Show – date TBC

Maths

- **Geometry:** measuring and calculating angles, internal angles in shapes, circles, nets, co-ordinates in four quadrants, reflection and translation
- **Ratio:** recipes, scale drawing and proportion problems
- **Algebra:** step function machines, formulae, substitution and equations
- **Decimals:** rounding, four operations, decimals in context
- **Area, perimeter and volume**
- **Statistics**: drawing and interpreting graphs and charts, finding the mean of a set of numbers

SATs preparation

Foundation subjects

History: The Maya civilisation – How are we different but also the same?
Art: study of Anthony Gormley, Maya art
D.T: Maya Headdresses
Computing: Creating Excel Spreadsheets
P.E: Fitness- circuits and boxercise
Dance- simple movement patterns
Games: Building our competitive participation in golf and Football
Music: Study of film music, and rehearsal of songs for our Easter Service
RE: Epiphany and the Resurrection, Muhammad and the Qur'an
German: sports, hobbies, revision of time, weekdays and months
PSHE: Valuing difference and Keeping Myself Safe

Suggestions to support learning at home

- Encourage independence and responsibility with homework and routines
- Ask your child to explain their understanding of homework tasks and make sure that they are completed to a **high standard (i.e. correct spelling, punctuation and presentation)**
- Keep practising times tables
- Keep reading to your child and encourage them to read to you on a regular basis (at least three times a week)
- Ensure they read a range of genre for pleasure - regularly- and discuss with them what they have read
- Research information on the Maya
- Extra SATs revision weekly - using study guides/workbooks

Key dates

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February – Parents' Evening
Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
Wednesday 11th March - Open afternoon for parents to see books
Monday 16th March – Junior Music Afternoon
Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day
Wednesday 25th March - Easter Service at St Cross Church