

## Literacy

Literacy is often linked to our IPC topics and through creative activities to inspire high quality writing.

Poetry - Our poetry focus this term is Edgar Allan Poe

Historical story - We will be writing a story based in the times of the Ancient Maya (AD900)

Report writing - Children will write a newspaper article about a historical event.

After half term we focus on persuasion, description and explanation writing.

## IPC Autumn 1

### The Big Picture

The Big Picture this term is 'what makes a civilisation work? Could it be faith, sports, a charter or something else?'

### In history we'll be finding out ...

About the Mayan Civilisation in depth and how this great empire fell and was forgotten. We will then study the rise and fall of the Edo (aka Benin) Empire and the rise of the Islamic Empire.

The skills we develop include: recognizing characteristic features of particular periods in time, about to find out about aspects of the past through a variety of sources, be able to select and record relevant information

### In art we'll be ...

Focusing on watercolors, sketching and working with fabrics to re-create traditional patterns and motifs.

The skills we'll learn include: how to consider a finished product, collaboration with other artists, composition, perspective, creating 3D effects, using visual means to communicate ideas

## PE

Our P.E. lessons take place now on a Wednesday morning with Mr Patterson. Each day we will be doing some simple yoga stretches to help regulate our breathing and focus on our learning.

## Maths

The key areas of maths which we will be covering in the Autumn term are:

- Reasoning with 5 and 6-digit numbers
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division

The new national curriculum requires children to be able to think more in depth about maths. This term we will be challenging ourselves to explain and justify what we know about numbers. With this depth in understanding, we will be able better able to make useful connections between different areas of the curriculum throughout the year.

We will also be using our maths knowledge and problem-solving skills and apply it to our IPC topic to create a Mayan board game.

## AUTUMN TERM 2016 Turtles Class

### Curriculum guide for pupils and parents

Our Topic this term is:

**AD 900**



## COMPUTING

Every child has the right to information from a range of sources (Article 17)

Turtles will use continue to use computing sessions to carry out research to support their IPC topic work.. This develops the children's ability to carry out effective internet searches, enhances their navigational skills around different websites and enables them to question the reliability of information.

### How you can support your child's learning this term:

Use [www.conquermaths.com](http://www.conquermaths.com) to practise the areas of maths we are doing in class.

Encourage your child to read news articles to inform them about global and local issues especially relating to the environment  
Make time to hear your child read and talk to them about the meaning of new words to extend their vocabulary.

Homework will be sent out on Thursday and due the following Tuesday  
Spelling words will be sent home every Monday in the children's reading logs and our spelling quizzes will take place every Friday.

## IPC Autumn 2

### What Makes Civilisations Rise and Fall?

#### In History we will:

continue to develop our historical understanding of past civilizations and start to draw relevance to today's societies and challenges. Further skills they will develop include being able to identify reasons for and results of historical events, situations and changes in periods of time, be able to describe how the history of one country affects that of another, be able to place periods in history into a chronological framework.

#### In International we will:

be able to explain ways in which people or civilizations work together for mutual benefit.

#### In Art we will:

be designing and creating traditional Islamic wall tiles.

#### In Music, we will:

## PSHCE

Our Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) topics this term are Working Together and developing a Growth Mindset. I will be encouraging the class to reflect and discuss how they work with different people and to think carefully about how they manage challenges in their learning. We will also have regular circle time sessions to talk about anything which is worrying us or issues within the class.

### **FRENCH**

We will be learning to follow classroom instructions in French and key words which are linked to our IPC topics. I will be encouraging the children to use simple French sentences each week to communicate.