

English

This term we will be using an animated short film based on the book, *The Lost Thing* by Shaun Tan. The children will be analysing its use of word classes and text structures to retell the story of a young boy and his amazing discovery of a peculiar 'thing' on the beach. Once finished, the children will write a continuation of the plot to think about what could happen next.

RE

In our first term, children will answer the question 'Where, how and why do people worship?' where they will focus on the two religions, Christianity and Islam.

Science

Year 4 – Forces

Children will compare how things move on different surfaces and notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance.

Year 5 – Electricity

Children will learn the importance and uses of voltage of cells used in the circuit and will begin to compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches. They will learn to record an electrical circuit in a diagram using scientific symbols.

Music

This term's unit is called *Mamma Mia*, which will see children listen to, appraise and sing along to a number of Abba songs, before learning to play some of them on instruments and focus on speed, pitch and rhythm.

PE

Children will be developing their static balance, footwork and coordination this term, by taking part in a variety of games and activities. During this time, we will be focusing on personal skills where children will learn to recognise the importance of challenging themselves and persevering with a task to improve performance.

PSHE

This term's unit is 'Being Me in my World' and will focus on the changes that may occur as children move into Year 4 and 5 and what children may want to achieve in the year ahead. Discussions will lead to children thinking about themselves as pupils of Bratton School, but also citizens of Britain, and the rights and responsibilities that come with that.

Art and Design

This term, children will be exploring mono printing. They will be looking into the print works of great artists and, through making links to their History learning, designing and creating monoprints of Mayan codices (Mayan writing).

Maths

Year 4 – Place Value, Addition and Subtraction

Children will be using numbers up to 10,000 to order, partition, estimate, compare and round. After the Place Value Unit, pupils will use a familiar method to add and subtract numbers up to 4 digits.

Year 5 – Place Value, Addition and Subtraction

Children will be using numbers up to 1,000,000 to order, partition, estimate, compare and round. After the Place Value Unit, pupils will use a familiar method to add and subtract numbers more than 4 digits as well as solving multi step word problems, comparing, estimating and using inverse calculations to find missing numbers.

What if the Mayans Never Existed?



Antelope Class Term 1 2023/24

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History

Antelopes will carry out study of the Mayan civilization in 900AD, in particular the Mayan economy, culture, religious beliefs and society. Children will learn how the Mayan civilisation has had an impact on modern society and compare what was happening in the Mayan civilisation to what was happening in Britain at the same time.

Computing

This term will focus on Creating Media: Website Design. This will involve children exploring the features of Google Sites before planning and creating their own website and content.