

Learning experience

Please find the details of our intended learning experience for the next 7 weeks: 'Indiana Jones'.



INDIANA JONES



Children will be enthused and encouraged about a historical legend/adventure regarding ancient artefacts. This experience will involve investigating myths, facts and historical figures linked to the legend of the Crystal Skulls. The children will have the opportunity to write in different genres and look at the legend from different viewpoints. Inspiring the children in an interesting subject matter is key as we want the children to engage in learning outside of school; any work produced outside of school hours will be welcomed within their final outcome as evidence of their endeavours.

Maths

During this half term, in ability-based sets, the children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of place value and effective calculation strategies involving all the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). The children will be expected to use their prior understanding of mathematical concepts to assist them in solving a range of mathematical problems. The children will be challenged to become more fluent with their skills, which include multiplication tables and related number facts. There will be a particular focus on ensuring the children reason with their responses (asking themselves if the answer given is appropriate).

Literacy

Through the seven-week learning experience, the children will be expected to write a biography based on the life of a real life explorer, named Hiram Bingham, who discovered Machu Pichu! They will also be writing a narrative description based on the moment the Crystal skull was allegedly discovered. The children will continue to be encouraged to read a range of quality texts as these experiences broaden their vocabulary and develop their awareness of more complex punctuation and sentence structures.

Home Learning

Over the next 6 weeks, we would like the children to get creative and produce a piece of artwork inspired by Indiana Jones and his adventures. Weekly spelling and maths tasks to be completed in their home learning books and on My Maths/Sumdog. For reading homework this year, we are trialing a new online software called 'Read Theory' each child in Unit 4 has a login and is asked to complete a task every two week cycle.

Science

This term will see the children learning about the properties of materials and how they can change. Amongst many other aspects of forces, children will be examining and recording the hardness of materials and conducting fair tests to identify the absorbency of a variety of materials. They will make predictions and record findings as well as conducting experiments to measure the time it takes different amounts of salt to dissolve.

PE / Art / Spanish / RE

In PE, this half term, children will be swimming. Kestrels (Wednesday), Eagles (Thursday) and Hawks (Friday).

In Spanish, this half term, the children will be continue to explore basic conversations and identify objects around the house.

In RE this half-term, children will be exploring Christianity. Children will explore the faith of Christianity through its signs and symbols.

Our Value Focus: Respect

Throughout all our work this half-term, children will use and apply the value of respect.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 19th October - Come and see our explorers' journals!

