#### English

Our class novel for this term will be *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin. We will use this, to improve our reading fluency and comprehension.

We will also be using *Who Let the Gods Out* by Maz Evans. We will get plenty of writing practice by crafting responses to both texts, as well as creating information texts about our Mayan history topic.

As ever, we will be giving a high priority to handwriting, reading fluency and spellings. These will be benefitted by **practise at home** as well as at school.

#### PE

In PE, Year 5 will be working on their skills in hockey and country dancing. With Mr. Scott, the children will develop their hockey skills, considering how passing and movement can improve their performance. In our other PE sessions, the children will be learning the basic steps of country dancing.

#### DT

In design and technology this term, children will be creating a decorative ornament. They will create this through a variety of techniques, such as tie dye and sewing. Before creating their ornament, children will have to consider who their product may be for, what qualities the ornament needs to have and the environmental impact of the materials that they use. This will be a very child-led unit which will rely on children self-evaluating their decisions.

#### Maths

To continue our mathematical investigation in Autumn 2, we will be discussing statistics and their use in our lives. This will include line graphs and timetables. We will use problem solving and reasoning skills throughout the module also.

Based on our addition and subtraction work, we will be visiting multiplication and division strategies also. These will be benefitted by **practise at home** of the times tables up to 12x12, as well as practise at school.

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#### MFL

Our Foreign Language will be French, and Year 5 will be learning to describe different food items as well as revising and improving their knowledge of numbers in French.

#### Music

We will be exploring the world of Jazz and Swing music. Children will be listening to, appraising and then performing music using a range of instruments.

# Science / Computing

In Science we will continue to investigate materials and their properties. We will discuss why certain materials are used for certain jobs, and whether we can improve household items. As well as learning plenty of information about these materials, we will put our knowledge to the test in a series of experiments and tests.

Our computing work will centre around databases. We will also discuss the importance of keeping safe online. These will be delivered through Purple Mash.

# PSHE / RE

In PSHE we will be "Celebrating Difference". This will encourage the children to take part in discussions about racism, bullying and economic disparities between the UK and the developing world.

In RE, the children will be learning about "Expressions of Faith". This will open the childrens' eyes to how people from different religions express their faith.

### **Geography / History**

Our work in Geography will link to our class novel, *Coming to England.* We shall be studying the Caribbean, focusing on the islands of Trinidad and Tobago. We will compare these islands to our country, as well as learning about lines of longitude and latitude and how they are used for navigation.

In History, we will be exploring the Ancient Mayan civilization. We will be finding out how and where they lived, what religious beliefs they had, and how they used to write in their own language.