

History & Geography

In history, we will be exploring the exciting topic of the **Ancient Mayan Civilisation** and in geography we will focus on the human and physical features of **Mexico and South America**.



Mexico & the Magnificent Mayans

Year 5 Summer Term 2018



Science

During summer term one, we will finish our study of the **Properties and Changes of Materials**, comparing and grouping together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. In summer two, we will move on to look at **Living Things and their Habitats**, learning to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. We will also learn about the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

Art & DT

This term, we will be studying Mexican art and the influential artist, writer, activist and icon, **Frida Kahlo**. We will explore her often **surrealist** style and create our own paintings, stories and collages based around her life and work.

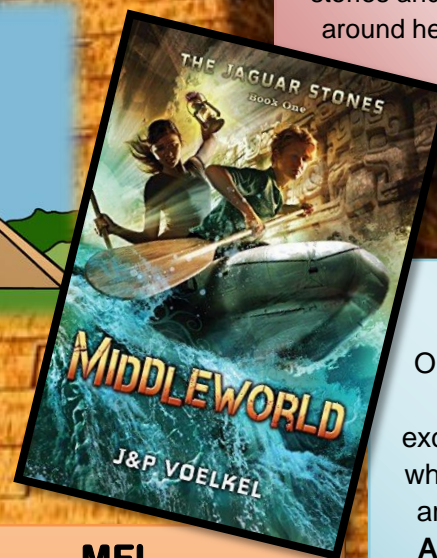
Music: We will continue our weekly music sessions with Mrs. Milner with a focus on **timbre, texture and tempo**. We will look at **music from other cultures** and begin to compose our own pieces.



PE: Throughout summer term, we'll be continuing our weekly **team-building** sessions each Thursday at Ponteland Primary School and we will be commencing our **athletics** unit in school ready for sports day!

Maths

This term in maths we will be learning and consolidating our knowledge of Place value; **Fractions, Decimals and Percentages**; Geometry; Addition and subtraction; Multiplication and division; **Written calculations**; Area and volume of shapes; and Measures (mass, volume and capacity). We will also be carrying out some maths **investigations** using the ancient Mayan number system as part of our **cross-curricular** topic work!



English

Our new class novel is '**Middleworld**' the first book in the **Jaguar Stones** trilogy. It's an exciting adventure story following Max and Lola who unearth some strange secrets while Max's archaeologist parents are on a dig in **Central America** and who mysteriously vanish under suspicious circumstances...

Our fiction work will be centred around our class text whilst our non-fiction unit will include **persuasive writing** for a Mexican holiday brochure and information texts about **animals indigenous to South America** and their habitats.

MFL

In French this term we will continue to explore **French culture** and will learn some new French vocabulary. We will begin to look at composing grammatically correct sentences.

RE & PSHCE: To tie in with our art project theme of significant women, our first unit will be '**Women in the Old Testament**.' In summer two, we will look at **Loss, Death and Hope**. In PSHE, we will be discussing **changes** and will be visited by our school nurse.