

Music

In the *Exploring Feelings When You Play* unit from Charanga, children will learn how music expresses emotions by exploring dynamics, tempo, and pitch through listening, performing, and composing activities. They will also develop their musical skills by playing instruments, improvising, and responding to different moods in music.

History

Ancient Mayans

This unit explores the Ancient Maya civilisation and its achievements from 250 CE to 950 CE. The lessons cover who the Maya people were, when and where in the world they lived, and the reasons why they were so successful. The unit makes comparisons between the Ancient Maya civilisation and Anglo-Saxon Britain, focusing on the similarities and differences between the Maya city-states and the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, drawing on the archaeological evidence available to us.

PE

OAA

Children will develop teamwork, problem-solving, and navigation skills through challenges like orienteering and group tasks. They will also build confidence and resilience by exploring different outdoor environments and learning how to assess risks safely.

Dance

Children will develop coordination, rhythm, and expressive movement by learning and creating sequences inspired by different dance styles. They will also improve teamwork and confidence through group choreography, exploring storytelling and musicality in their performances.

Science

Year 4: Plants:

Children will learn about the functions of different parts of flowering plants, including roots, stems, leaves, and flowers, and how they support growth and survival. They will also explore how plants take in water, the role of flowers in pollination and seed dispersal, and the varying conditions plants need to thrive.

Year 5: The sun, moon and Earth

Children will learn about the movement of the Earth, moon, and planets in relation to the Sun, understanding their orbits and rotations. They will also explore the spherical shape of these celestial bodies and how Earth's rotation causes day, night, and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky.

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RE

Being Human (Hinduism)

Children will explore the Hindu concept of "Being Human" by learning about dharma (duty), karma (actions and consequences), and the importance of living a good life. They will also discover how Hindu beliefs about the atman (soul) and reincarnation shape ideas of responsibility, kindness, and respect for all living beings.

Design Technology

children will design and build a functioning car chassis, focusing on accuracy and aerodynamics. They will construct and assemble car bodies, test their designs, and evaluate performance to make improvements.

Computing

The micro:bit is a small programmable device designed to help children learn coding and digital skills through hands-on projects. It features buttons, sensors, LEDs, and connectivity options, allowing users to create interactive programs, games, and electronic projects.

PSHE

Children will learn how to communicate safely with friends by understanding the importance of kindness, privacy, and respectful conversations both in person and online. They will also explore strategies for handling difficult situations, such as recognising inappropriate messages, setting boundaries, and seeking help from trusted adults when needed.

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