

# Gatekeepers class

## Week ending 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

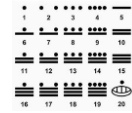
### Core value focus: Trust



#### English & Art

This week we have taken part in a whole school federation and diocesan project called The colours of us. For inspiration to start the project we read the book The colours of us by Angelica Dass which celebrates the diverse beauty of human skin. We then completed our own self-portraits looking carefully at skin tone, eye colour, hair colour and other facial features. We were amazed to learn that even with our differences, humans are 99.9% biologically identical and skin, hair and eye colour is only found in the last 0.1%.

#### Maths



We have learned how to add money using compact and expanded methods.

We have also learned about the number system in ancient Maya and completed investigations to decode their numbers. We were surprised to learn their number system consisted of only 3 symbols which represented 0, 1 and 5.

#### Science

The children worked in groups to complete a challenge to build a standalone structure to hold a tennis ball using just 10 sheets of paper and 1m of sticky tape. The aim was to complete a structure at least as high as our tables. Following this, we looked back at a picture of a human skeleton and learned about what makes bones such as the legs, pelvis and backbone effective at support.

#### Music



We are really enjoying our ukulele lessons with Mr. Hall. This week we learned how to play the C and G7 chords 😊

#### RSHE



We have talked about anxiety and how EVERYONE suffers from it and this feeling is totally normal. We learned how taking ourselves out of our comfort zone also helps us to learn. We looked at the learning pit visual and how the journey helps us to feel successful.

#### DT



In DT, we have continued our inquiry around Maya temples. We have looked more closely at pictures of remains and artist impressions. Using cardboard nets we have made our own mini temples.

#### RE

To help us answer the question What does it mean to be part of a global Christian community we thought about groups that we belong to and how being part of these groups makes us feel.

#### Information

Swimming lessons – every Friday am. Please make sure your child has the correct kit and a warm coat.  
No earrings to be worn.

Due to staff absence, the class did not have PE this week. Next week the children will have two PE lessons on Tuesday. One in the morning and one in the afternoon. Please can children come to school wearing their full PE kit. No earrings/jewellery to be worn.

Polite reminder: Please can long hair be tied back **daily** for hygiene and safety reasons.