

Year 6

The Lost Cities



English

Focus Book: *Way Home* by Libby Hathorn and Gregory Rogers

This half term we will be reading *Way Home* – a story about Shane, a homeless boy, as he makes his way through a large city on his way ‘home’ with his trusty feline friend

Maths

In mathematics, we will revise written methods and the children will have the chance to practice their number skills. The children will revise shape, data-handling and measures. We will also be putting our investigating skills to the test and explaining our solutions and reasoning to others.

Science, Geography and History

Science

Key Questions:

- Spend a small period of time being blind folded, how successful you are at doing everyday things you take from granted?
- Can you create sugar paper shadows for our Mayan village?
- How can you use the sun to tell the time?
- How can you use mirrors to see around blind corners?
- How do your eyes work?
- How do we know that light travels faster than sound?

History / Geography

Key Questions:

- Who were the Mayans and where did they live?
- What evidence do we have that the Mayans were an advanced civilization?
- Can you make a distinction between Mayan architecture and architecture of ancient Britain?
- What did the Mayans do on a Sunday?
- Who was Lady Rainbow?
- Could you formulate a theory for why the Mayan civilization disappeared?

Art and Design

What did the Mayans look like?

Children will learn how to use clay to create models of Mayan people. They will develop skills such as joining two pieces of clay together and mark making onto clay.

Computing

Scratch.

Do you know your times tables? The children will be further developing their computing skills to create a Mathematical Mayan game.

PE

Year 6 will be exploring the theme of the Mayans in our Dance sessions. Outside games will consist of athletics.

PSHE

Through class discussions and circle time, children will learn the significance of relationships.

RE

Morals of Life.

Is religion what you say or what you do?.

Music

You’ve Got A Friend

The children will be exploring music through the context of friendship.

Languages

Avez-vous un animal de compagnie ?

The children will be learning the names of different animals in French.

Learning Values

Aspiration

Through PSHE discussions and classroom talk, year 6 will be inspired to overcome any fear of failure and take on new learning challenges.

Responsibility

Using their own learning the children will devise their own theory of what happened to the Mayan civilisation.

Collaboration

Children will work together to investigate Scientific theories.

Perseverance

The children will persevere to overcome problems when working with clay and improve their Art work.

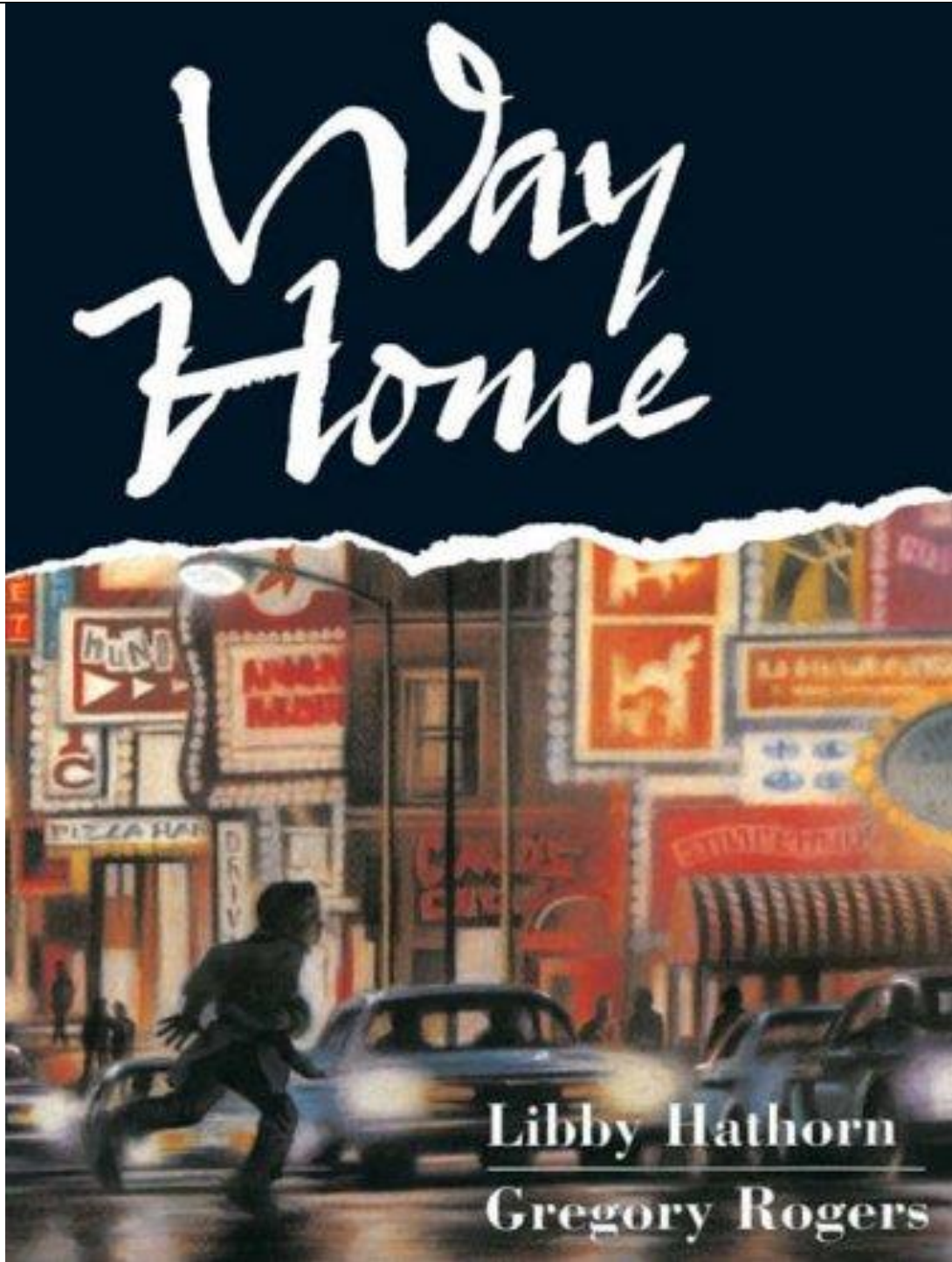
Discovery

The children will carry out research for History and will be given opportunities to follow their line of inquiry.

Growth Mindset

This half term we will look at what makes a good learning partner.

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It's night and the dark is filled with strange sounds as Shane makes his way home. On a fence he finds a stray cat that at first growls and spits at him. But Shane talks and strokes the kitten to calmness, and decides to take the 'Spitfire, Kitten Number One,' home with him. No gang of boys, or avenue of dense traffic, or fierce dog can stop Shane carrying his new found friend to the place he calls home. Greg Rogers' sensitive use of charcoal and pastel create Shane and his cat in splendid city-at-night time scenes.

Other Recommended Reads Linked To This Theme:

The Arrival by Shaun Tan
The Viewer by Gary Crew
Trash by Andy Mulligan
The Silver Sword by Ian Serrailier