

Dear Parents and carers,
Here is our topic for this half term.
Please also see the Creative Homework
sheet for ideas about supporting your
child's Learning Journey. Have Fun!

As Readers we will:

Read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, using our VIPER and reading skills to comprehend books about the Mayans, the Incas and South America.

As Technicians we will:

Design, write and debug programmes that accomplish specific goals and work with sequences and various outputs/inputs and learn how simple algorithms work.

As Authors we will:

Write a narrative based on Mayan myths and a non-chronological report comparing the Mayans and the Saxons.

As Scientists we will:

Learn about animals including humans, e.g. the importance of the human circulatory system and how diet, exercise and drugs impact on our bodies. Also, how water & nutrients are transported.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING:

As Historians we will:

Learn about a non-European society that provides a contrast with British history, e.g. Mayan civilization - circa AD 900.

As mathematicians we will:

Master our arithmetic calculations, and develop our ability to solve reasoning problems. Also, we will continue with our learning of shape, angle, ratio, statistics and some revision.

As Artists/Designers we will:

Learn about Mayan food, prepare and make Mayan hot chocolate and create Mayan masks improving our mastery of art/design techniques.

As Geographers we will:

Research and locate where the Mayans lived and how climate, land use and cities compared to Britain at the time.

Year 4

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Wow Event/Hook: Design a Pok-a-Tok headdress for the Ak-Kin-Mai to wear.

As linguists we will:

Learn about different types of homes and rooms within in our French lessons and learn some key terms in Mayan language.

As Musicians we will:

Create our own jungle composition. Understand and learn about musical notations, play and perform; using our voices and instruments.

As Athletes we will:

Play Pok-a-tok (An ancient Mayan ball game) and learn the key skills to play games of handball and tag rugby

As Citizens we will:

Think about individual hopes and dreams, coping with when they don't come true, how to make a plan and set new goals to achieve in our 'Dreams and Goals' Jigsaw lessons.