

Marvellous Maya



English

This half term, we will be continuing to work hard on basic skills and applying these to our writing, whilst creating a non chronological report about the Maya

To support this, we will focus on punctuation and grammar linked to each genre.

We will be looking closely at our work to ensure we are consistently joining our handwriting.

The children will also write a winter theme cinquain poem.

Reading

In reading this half term we will continue to work on key reading skills; word meaning, inference and retrieval using the fantastic Wolf Brother and Wolves of Currumpaw.

Children are expected to read at home at least **4 times a week for 25 minutes** and get their reading records signed.

We recommend reading:
Oh Maya Gods, Maz Evans
Spirit Walker, Michelle Paver

Maths

This half term, the children will be securing their understanding of the written methods for addition and subtraction including decimal numbers.

They will then move on to learning the formal written method for multiplying a large number by a 2-digit number. They will then apply this skill to finding the perimeter and area of a shape.

Throughout each unit, the children will apply their knowledge of the operations to problem solving and reasoning style questions.

Foundation

We will be exploring the lives of the Ancient Maya civilisation, this will include their lifestyles, values and traditions. The children will be learning about the chronology of the Maya and how they link to British history, through similarities and differences. There will be a focus how drawings from the time can be used as evidence.

We will also be working on our Geography knowledge; locating the countries which formed the Maya empire and learning how to read a 6 figure grid reference.

Physical Education

In indoor PE, the children will be developing their gymnastics skills and creating sequences with partners.

In outdoor PE, they will be focusing on invasion games including handball. **They will need PE kits on Wednesdays and Fridays.**

Computing

In computing, the children will work on their programming skills to design, create and debug a maze game.

Music

The children will be developing their singing skills, focusing on melodies, harmonies and their range.

Religion and Worldviews

In RW, the children will be continuing their learning about Sikhism and considering whether non-Sikhi can learn from Sikhi stories. Nearing Christmas, with a focus on Christianity, the children will be comparing accounts of the Christmas story.

Science

This half term in science, we will be exploring physical forces. These include gravity, friction and air resistance.

We will be working scientifically, performing experiments to investigate how these forces are apparent around us.

French

In French, we will be recapping our learning from year four. In addition, we will be learning our numbers to 31 and learning how to say "I don't like..."

PSHE

Our PSHE topic this half term is "Celebrating Difference".

Homework

English and Maths homework will be set every **Thursday on Atom**, to be completed by the **following Wednesday**.

Please encourage your children to continue to use TTRockstars weekly.

Children are expected to spend between 20-30 minutes on each piece of work.

Spellings will be set on a **Friday** and tested that week on **Thursday**.

Pink books must be handed in on a **Thursday**.

Reading

Year five's are expected to read their **Book Banded book** at least 4 times a week for 25 minutes.

Home Learning

The home learning project for this half term is based on the children's interests in our Topic of Maya. This can be presented in any way that suits them; food, sculptures, presentation, poetry, infographic etc. **This is due before the end of the half term.**

Article 29 You have the right to an education that should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.

