



# Spring Term 2018 - Year 4, 5 & 6



## The Mysteries of the Maya

### History

In our topic this term, we will continue to develop our understanding of the chronology of world history by looking at the Mayan civilization. We will find out about their Gods and beliefs, how their number system differs to our own, what they ate, and of course where and how they lived.

Children will be encouraged to ask their own questions throughout the topic. They will re-create a Mayan food to taste and design and create a Mayan mask and headdress.

### English

This term, we'll be writing in various styles, making effective language choices to demonstrate a greater awareness of audience. We will be improving our use of subordinate clauses by experimenting with their position in sentences. We'll be using a range of punctuation accurately as well as developing a neat handwriting style. In spelling, we'll be focusing on suffixes and word endings. **Homework is to be handed in on a Wednesday please!**

### R.E

We will be asking why do people use rituals in their lives and what do we know about the Bible and why is it important to Christians?

### Music

We'll be listening to and repeating drum rhythms using notations. We'll be learning songs and creating Mayan music using tuned and un-tuned instruments.

### Mathematics

We will be covering a wide range of numeracy skills and methods to further our understanding and knowledge. We will have a strong focus on mental maths skills and we will expand our approaches to problem solving in weekly problem solving and investigation sessions. Our topics include fractions, decimals, percentages and money. Year 6 will cover a comprehensive list of topics to prepare them for the SATs. **Homework to be handed in on Mondays please.**

### Computing

The children will explore computer code, working through a range of tasks to develop knowledge and understanding. We will use animation software to create a short animated film. In E-Safety, we will consider what it means to be a responsible Digital Citizen.

### Art and Design

This term we will design Mayan masks and headdresses and find out about what the Mayans ate.

### Science

Lower Key Stage 2 - Y3 & 4:  
States of matter  
Plants  
  
Upper Key Stage 2 - Y5 & 6:  
Properties and changes of materials  
Animals including humans

### PE

We will be developing our gymnastics skills and learning how to play table tennis this term.

**PE kits are required every Monday and Friday.**

**PSHE/RSE** Staying safe online; Healthy lifestyles

**MFL** Qe'est-ce que c'est? (Classroom objects)