

YEAR 6 LEARNING OVERVIEW TERMS 1 & 2: The Marvellous Mayans

Reading

Our main texts will be 'Rainforest Warrior' by Anita Ganeri and 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. We will focus on using our retrieval and inference skills as well as practicing a range of SATS style questions. We will also dip into other texts linked to our Mayans topic.

Writing

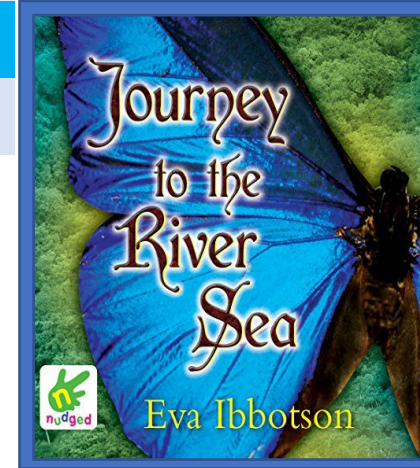
During Terms 1 and 2, we will explore writing in a range of genres. These will include: a travel brochure, narrative, descriptive writing and a fact file. Spelling, grammar and handwriting will also remain a main focus within all of our writing.

Mathematics

In maths this term, the children will be extending their knowledge of place value to include numbers up to 10 million. The children will also work with negative numbers. They will develop their understanding of the four processes: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and solve multi-step problems.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at the heart and the circulatory system including the functions and importance of the heart. We will also look at the reasons a healthy lifestyle is critical for our minds and bodies. We aim to encourage the children to question, formulate ideas and test them in practical work throughout our topic.



History

In history, we will learn about a South American early civilization 'The Mayans'. This provides a contrast to British History. We will look at how they developed the astronomy calendar and writing systems as well as building elaborate pyramids as well as observatories. We will also learn about the different Gods and Goddesses that they worshipped.

Geography

Pupils will learn about Spatial sense as children will develop their skills to read and understand a map. They will learn about how different time zones work across the globe and how this can affect business, trade and communications. In addition to this, they will also learn about the quality of life and standards and how these differ across the globe.

Art & DT

In art, we will look closely at carnival masks and their history in South America. We will then plan and create our own versions.

In DT, we will apply our cooking skills during our planning and making of a delicious Mayan dish of chilli and tortillas.

PE

Throughout term 1 and 2 the children will learn a variety of key ball skills with the Brighton and Hove Albion in the community PE coaches. The children will also be taking part in gym and dance activities. Please remember that the children need to come to school in full PE kits on Thursdays and Fridays.

MFL

The children will become experts at talking about different vegetables using French vocabulary. They will also recap on numbers and colours. The children will also discover facts about the city of Paris with a focus on The Arc De Triomphe.

PSHE and Computing

We will be learning all about being responsible citizens and involve pupils in discussion based work, allowing them to talk about their feelings and express themselves. In computing, we will be looking at the effect of computers on the environment and how robots and humans interact.

RE

In R.E. the children will be learning all about Islam. The children will find out what is precious to Muslims and how and why commitment is so important.

Music

The children will be having weekly samba drumming sessions with specialist music teacher, Grant Allardyce. The children will learn rhythms, explore timbre and texture and create their own compositions.

Creative project Ideas:

1. Host a Mayan themed evening for your family
2. Design a new flag for a country from the Americas
3. Write an adventure story based in the Americas
4. Make a 3D model of a section of the Amazon
5. Learn some key phrases in Spanish

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KEY TEXTS
WE READ:
Journey to
the River Sea
by Eva
Ibbotson

Rainforest
Warrior by
Anita Ganeri