

History

# The Maya Summer 1 Cycle A



# Our Learning

This term the children will uncover the mysteries of the Mayan civilisation. They'll start by taking a trip deep into the rainforests of Central America as they explore Mayan ruins and from there embark on a journey that will help them uncover the life, society and civilisation of both ancient and modern Mayan people. They will look in detail at Mayan worry dolls and design and create their very own. They will choose an area of Mayan life or culture to research and will produce a PowerPoint presentation to showcase what they have discovered.

## History

This term the children will:

- \*Investigate how and when Europeans encountered the Mayan civilisation.
- \*Explore how we know about the Mayan civilisation and their way of life.
- \*Explore how Mayan society was organised and how this compares to modern society.
- \*Find out about what the Maya believed in, including their religious rites and rituals.
- \*Use a variety of sources to piece together what life was like for the Maya.
- \*Explore the achievements of the Maya including their number systems and calendar.
- \*Investigate the reasons behind the decline of the Mayan civilisation.

## ICT

This term the children will develop their use of presentation software by:

- \*Creating slide templates and organising slides with hyperlinks.
- \*Add theme, transitions and animations to a presentation.
- \*Use action settings.
- \*Insert video and audio.
- \*Evaluate slide layout and make improvements.

At the end of the unit the children will share their slides with each other.



PowerPoint

## Art

The children will look at and explore a range of worry dolls. They'll find out what they are used for and where they originated. They'll learn about the different materials and textiles used in the making process and will explore the colours and patterns of these fabrics. Finally they'll design and make their own worry dolls to bring home.



## Foundation Curriculum

Science - States of matter

French - The four friends

Music - Bringing us together

PE - Athletics

RE - Hindu festivals (Context of good & Evil)

PSHE - Being my Best

## Core Curriculum

English - Adventure Story Writing based on 'Journey' by Aaron Becker and 'Tilly and the Leaf Lords' by Berlie Boherty.

Maths - Yr3 Fractions, Mass & Capacity & Money

Yr4 Fractions, Decimals & Money