

How can you help your child?

There are lots of opportunities for you to help your child with their learning. You might like to help them to research their topic or support them with any projects they carry out.

Help them to keep on top of their homework diary, so they know when homework is due in and to help them give their work in on time.

Even though they are upper school, it is still good to listen to them read and talk about the text together.



Mayans - Cities of Stone



Upper School
Term 2

English: We will begin our writing journey using a Mayan folktale to learn more about Mayan culture and to create some descriptive writing of our own with ambitious word choices. Our report writing will ensure that all of the knowledge we have gathered in History is passed on to a wider audience, so they can learn about them too! Next we will develop skills in writing instructions about Mayan sacrifice rituals! Get ready to become an ancient Mayan, so you can write an exciting diary from their point of view. Finally, a front page newspaper report on the fall of this ancient civilisation.

Maths: A range of topics will continue to be taught throughout the term with topics from Number, Shape, Data and Measures.

We will continue to develop our mental arithmetic skills to ensure we have a range of strategies to solve problems and to continue to embed our number bonds and multiplication facts, including using inverses.

The Mayans

History: Our work will focus on Mayans. We will be finding out about their social structure and what it was like to live as a member of their society. Through this work we will learn about the structures they built and the food they farmed and ate. As well as this we will learn about their culture and religious beliefs. The Mayans left great legacies before their sudden disappearance, so we will explore what they gave future generations and develop our own theories about what happened to this great civilisation!

Science: Take a journey through space as we explore our solar system.

Art: Our art work will focus on Mayan designs. We will explore and investigate Mayan art work before planning and creating our own tile design.

ICT: We will be planning and creating an information leaflet about Mayan society using Publisher.

Music: We will be learning how to play the ocarina and create our own compositions.

RE: We will explore the Christmas story and focus on the importance of Mary.

Questions

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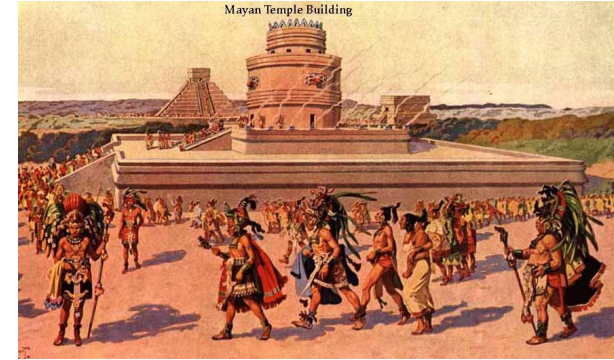
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History

Where in the world today would we find evidence of the Mayan civilisation?

What were the customs, traditions and beliefs of the Mayans?

What member of Mayan civilisation would you want to be?



Exciting events coming up...

Time Travellers' Day — An amazing day to learn about the different periods of history studied across the whole school. KS1 will share their findings from the Great Fire of London, lower KS2 will share their knowledge of the Ancient Greeks and Upper school will make sure everyone has an understanding about the Mayans! It will be an exciting day set up across both sites.



Science

How do the sizes of the Sun, earth and Moon compare?

How do we get day and night?

What movements does the Earth have and how does this affect us?

Why does the Moon appear to change shape?