

# Theme: The Maya

## History

History is our topic driver this term and we will be studying a non-European civilisation, the Mayans.

We will describe the characteristic features of their past, including ideas, beliefs, attitudes and experiences of men, women and children.

We will question how they were able to rise, their achievements and look at factors to their demise. We will also compare what was happening there with other cultures we have looked at.

## Maths

Measuring accurately

Converting between measurements, using our knowledge of place value and multiplication.

Applying addition and subtraction skills

## Music:

The music focus for this half term is beat. We will be listening to music featuring bells and clocks to help us understand rhythm and syncopation, as well as singing and playing bell patterns and creating our own descriptive music.

## Design Technology

Electrical systems: We will be applying our scientific knowledge of electricity.

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## English

**Reports and Information Texts –**

Paragraphing - Using Sub Headings -

Technical language – Relative Clauses -

How speech is recorded.

**Narrative and description**

Description of characters.

## Art

Drawing – Make your voice heard. We will use the art of Ancient Maya as inspiration for our own work.

## Science

**Electricity and circuits**

We will be looking at sources of electricity including identifying renewable and non-renewable sources. Children will identify where equipment gets its power, either mains or battery and how we can use electricity safely.

We will then be planning and making our own working circuits with various components and representing them using symbols in circuit diagrams. We will learn how conductors and insulators can make switches and dimmer switches. We will also be using parallel circuits.

We will be planning and conducting our own experiments: designing fair tests, making predictions, observing and measuring, using tables/ graphs to present results, reaching conclusions.

## P.E.

Football and various control skills.

Outdoor Adventurous Activities and team work.

## Non - Topic

### English –

Fiction texts: plan and draft writing making choices about:

Audience Purpose Form

Proof read for spelling punctuation and grammatical errors.

Spelling – patterns/ prefixes and

**Reading –**

The Jaguar Stones

### Maths–

Read Roman numerals to 1000

Multiply two digit by two digits

Answer four digit divide by one digit division equations.

Use place value to solve equations

Convert units of measure.

Round decimals from two decimal places.

**PHSE –** Being Me and Celebrating Differences

**R.E. –** Buddhism: Is it possible for everyone to be happy?

### MFL French:

This term we will be revising days of the week, months of the year, numbers and colours as well as learning new vocabulary relating to parts of the body.

### Computing

E-Safety, staying safe as we use the internet.

We will be using spreadsheets to collate information, using formulas in cells and applying their use.