

Year 4
Terms 5 and 6 2019

'You've Got to AdMaya the Mayans'

Home Learning

Home learning will be given out every Thursday for returning on the Wednesday of the following week.

PE

PE is an important part of the curriculum in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle. PE sessions will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

Year 4 Team

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support so far this year. Your child is our primary concern during their time in school and we hope their time here is a happy one. If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of us, Diane Mulley or a member of the SLT Team.

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English

We will start our summer terms with a focus on creation stories, comparing the biblical creation story with that of the Ancient Mayans. Children will look at writing recounts this term ordering their writing into chronological order.

The next text will be 'The Rain Player', a Mayan Myth about a ball game between a Mayan and the Gods. Children will write their own myths involving Mayan Gods.

We will finish the term looking at 'From Bean to Bar', how chocolate is produced, writing a recount of the process.

Mathematics

During Terms 5 and 6, we will be focusing on geometry, involving identifying and comparing angles in two-dimensional shapes. We will look at different types of triangles and the angles within them.

Work will also focus on identifying the position on a grid, using co-ordinates and translating and reflecting shapes on a grid.

Children will continue their learning on time, reading timetables and converting analogue to digital times.

Learning Journey

We will be using cross-curricular learning to compare life in Ancient Maya with Britain. As artists, we will create a frieze to illustrate the Mayan Creation story using a range of media. As Scientists, we will focus on changing states in materials including looking at the water cycle, and how the Ancient Mayans' understanding was different to ours today. We will also look at the Mayan invention of hot chocolate as part of our learning about melting.

In PE we will learn to play Pok A Pok, an Ancient Mayan ball game and children will devise their own science investigation around the game.

This will culminate in our Mayan museum, where we will invite you in for the children to present their learning from Terms 5 and 6.

Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation

We will be using the features learned throughout the year, particularly focussing on adverbial phrases, punctuating direct speech and use of formal language.

Children will be focussing on writing in the present perfect tense.

Reading

Reading Rambles will continue this term: a partnership between parents/carers and staff. The idea is simple: every child will be heard read, once a week, both in school and at home. Each child will be given a reading challenge to complete at home each week.

Maths Meander

Maths Meanders will continue to be a partnership between parents/carers and staff, to further develop children's basic mathematical skills. Each child will be given a maths challenge to complete at home each week.