



The Maya were very clever and invented lots of things!

This included their own calendars, farming methods, writing systems, sports and religion.

The Ancient Mayas

English

In English this term we have started by learning about narrative poetry. After this, we will focus on writing a recount and an advert. Our book for this half term is *Rain Player*, which links to our Ancient Maya topic for this term.

Computing

We will be using our knowledge about designing and coding this half term in computing. Using a programme called *Kodu Sports*, we will be designing and coding our own sports-themed computer games. Our first game will be air hockey.

RE

In RE this half term, we are learning about a thematic topic of empathy. We are going to learn how we can take care of ourselves and of other people.

Mathematics

This term we will begin by recapping our knowledge of place value. Afterwards we will concentrate on fractions linking to money and measures. Later on in the term we will revisit addition and subtraction; challenging ourselves to complete two-step word problems to deepen our understanding.

History/Geography

In Geography, we will learn about South America the countries, mountain ranges and rivers that make up the continent. We will also make links to the Amazon rainforest and the animals that inhabit it. Later in the term, we will learn about the Ancient Maya tribes that lived thousands of years ago.

Music

In Year 4, we will continue our work on ukulele before looking at Samba music from South America.

PE

Pupils will start the term by looking at the throwing and catching skills linked with Rounders and Netball.

Science

We will move on from our work on Sound and States of Matter to learn about Habitats and Living Things. This will give us lots of opportunities to visit the Woodlands and explore the outdoors focusing on plants and mini-beasts.

French

This term we will be learning about 'Le Monde' or 'The World'. We have started our learning by finding out the French names for different European countries. We will also be learning about different towns and cities and we will be able to explain where we are going in French.

Art/DT

Our Artwork will look at relief sculptures linked to Mayan influences. We will also learn how to weave on paper before moving on to thread and loom.