

Year 6 – Spring Term 1
(January- half term)

The Mayans



Over the next term our theme will be **The Mayans**.

Our focus of Powerful Knowledge will be based upon the reoccurring themes of:

- Settlement
- Religion and rituals
- Status and hierarchy
- Civilisation



Year 6 will learn:

Who were the Mayans and where and when did they exist?

Pupils to know where the Mayans lived. Use maps to locate Central America. Know when the Mayan civilization existed (2000BCE – 1697CE)

What did the Mayans believe in?

Mayan religious beliefs and practices

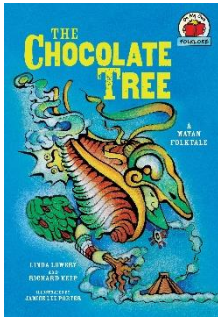
Pupils know that the Mayans believed in many gods, each representing a different aspect of life.

What was the Mayan Civilization like?

Pupils to know that the first explorers found Mayan ruins in the 1800's.

Pupils to know that the Mayans built Chichen Itza (Means at the edge of the well of Itza/water)

Pupils to know that the Mayans recorded their writing in the form of symbols called hieroglyphics.



CURRICULUM COVERAGE

English and Destination Reader

In English and DR we will be reading the Mayan folktales *The Chocolate Tree* and *The Hero Twins*. A myth for those with a sweet tooth? If you've ever wondered where chocolate comes from then this ancient Mayan myth reveals the story behind King Kukulcan and his brother

Night Jaguar and their battle over whether the ordinary Malayan folk should be allowed the tempting treat of chocolate. Year six will also be studying non-fiction texts about the Mayans alongside the myths.

Maths

Over the coming term we will be covering the following: Ratio and proportion, percentages, missing number equations, simple formulae, mean and averages.

Science

This term we will be learning about Evolution and heritance, including Charles Darwin's theory of evolution and the benefits and disadvantages of it.

Design and Technology

Global food- Mexican dish

Opportunity for children to learn where in the world a variety of ingredients flourish. Children will learn basic and advanced cooking techniques and apply these skills when making traditional Mexican dishes.

PE

We will be continuing with our new PE scheme focussing on Gymnastics.

PPA TIME

Forest School - Shakespeare

6:0 - Rowling

Swimming - Morpurgo

These sessions will run first thing on a **Tuesday** morning.

If your child is involved in Forest school this term please ensure that they come to school in weather appropriate clothing! Please bring uniform into school. The children will change after Forest School.

Please could all named PE kits be brought in within the first week.

Home Learning

There are many Apps that the pupils have access to at home:

- **Doodle Maths**
- **Doodle Tables**
- **Spelling Shed**
- **Accelerated Reader Quizzes (Doodle maths login)**

NINJA SKILLS

As Ambitious Ninjas we will set our selves ambitious targets and work to achieve these.

As Courageous Ninjas we will try something new; something that takes us outside our comfort zone.

As Determined Ninjas we won't give up until we achieve our goals.

As Dynamic Ninjas we will have a positive attitude and be full of energy and new ideas.

As Inspirational Ninjas we will help our friends; approach work differently and take inspiration from others

As Resilient Ninjas we will learn from our mistakes and bounce back from these.

Reading: Year 6 should try to read every night and record what they have read in their reading records. We understand that Year 6 may like to read on their own and then ask an adult to initial their reading record or they can read with the adult.

Home Learning Project

Here are some ideas for a project to choose from over this term:



Research some Mayan drawings and replicate them or design your own.



Mayan masks



Research and make a Mayan mask.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iHPk4MtRmq>



Have a go at making a Mayan temple.

<p>Itzamna</p> <p>One of the creator gods. Inventor of writing. Patron of learning.</p> <p>Portrayed in human form as an old man with no teeth and a large nose.</p>		<p>Kukulcan</p> <p>Supreme god. God of the four elements with the following items associated with each one: maize-ear (earth) a fish (water) lizard (fire) vulture (air)</p> <p>One of the creator gods. God of resurrection and reincarnation.</p> <p>His name means 'feathered serpent'.</p>	
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Research the Mayan Gods and make some Top Trump cards.