

Marvellous Maya



Key Areas of Learning

As **Scientists** we are learning about living things, recognising that living things can be grouped in different ways. We will also use classification keys and explore the effects that changes to the environment can have.

As **Historians** we will be learning about the Maya. We will learn when they were around, what their culture was like, what important discoveries they made and what food they ate.

As **Geographers** we will learn about where the Maya lived and locate this on a map.

As **Artists/Designers** we will explore Maya art, make our own murals and design and make our own Maya clay pots.

English

Reading

We will be looking at stories from other cultures. We will read the story of the Old Woman and the Pumpkin.

Writing

We will investigate the structure of different stories and write our own stories, based around a quest.

Spelling and Grammar

We will investigate the effect of fronted adverbials and include these in our writing. We will also look at how to punctuate speech correctly, and why this is important.

Mathematics

Number

We will explore negative numbers and where they appear in real life. We will further our understanding of decimal numbers including in the context of lengths. This will involve adding and subtracting, rounding and ordering decimal numbers. We will continue to work on written multiplication and division methods.

Shape and Space

We will look at area and perimeter. We will also investigate 2D and 3D shapes.

Computing

We are HTML editors

We will begin to understand how the web and internet work. We will start to edit and write our own HTML to make webpages.

Music

Summer Performance

We will begin to prepare for the summer performance. Further details to follow nearer the time!

British Values

We will be focusing on The Rule of Law

We encourage children to accept responsibility for their behaviour, essential for wellbeing and safety, and that this involves consequences when rules are broken.

Physical Education

Athletics & Maypole Dancing

In athletics, we will be developing running, jumping and throwing techniques.

We will also be learning a Maypole dance in the lead up to our school May Day celebration.

French

Food

We will be learning about food, using roleplay to learn how to order food. We will also learn about food preparation and how to describe their likes and dislikes of what they are eating.

SMSC

Spiritual, moral, social and cultural awareness

This will be linked to RE and our school values. We will also explore this through Philosophy for Children (P4C) and the Big Questions.

Religious Education

Maya Gods and Religion

We will be discovering what the Maya believed in and how this affected their daily life.

PSHE

Changes & Relationships

We will be looking at changes in our PSHE lessons. We will look at how change is normal and necessary and explore our feelings and response to change. We will look at strategies to cope with unwelcome change.

Enrichment Wow Day

Maya day

We will have a Maya day which will include making and eating tortillas.

We will also have our delayed trip into Oxford — hopefully the weather won't let us down this time!