



Curriculum Overview:

Next term, we will be studying The Ancient Maya and British Civilisations. We will explore the similarities and differences between the Ancient Maya and British civilisations, focusing on the period from 1100 BC to 1502 AD, which spans from the British Stone Age through to the Tudors. Using map work and accurate compass directions, we will locate where the Ancient Maya lived and develop our geographical skills. Through studying trade, food, gods and calendars, we will compare the lives of these two contrasting civilisations and consider how aspects of Maya life continue to influence the world today, such as chocolate, astronomy and architecture. We will also develop our weaving skills, exploring how textiles and clothing were created during this time.

English :

Fiction: we will be focusing on inference within reading and unpicking comprehension activities. We will use the text, 'Oh Maya Gods!' by Maz Evans for parts of this and for focusing on strengthening aspects of Year 6 grammar.

Non-fiction: we will be writing non-chronological reports on the Ancient Maya and persuasive adverts.

Maths :

We will begin with learning to convert units, metric measures and imperial measures. Children will recognise, read and write all metric measures for length, mass and capacity.

Following this, we will study the links between fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will find equivalences between decimals and fractions, fractions and percentages and later, between all three notations.

Key Vocabulary :

Ancient Maya, civilisation, Mesoamerica, Central America, chocolate, cocoa, fairtrade, archaeologist, Gregorian calendar, weaving Loom, weft, warp, light, sight, eye, straight line, shadow.

Key Information:

PE day: Friday

Key Dates :

Band on Tuesdays - bring in instruments.

KS2 SATs 2026: Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May (grammar & spelling, reading, arithmetic, mathematical reasoning x 2).

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