

Years 5 and 6  
Summer term  
2021

# What was life like at the height of the Mayan civilization? (Ancient Maya)

## RE

Year 5 will be exploring how art is used to express and celebrate religion.

In Year 6, children will be exploring the life journey of Muslims and Hindus and considering how people show belonging within these religions.

## History and geography

Our big topic this term is all about the Ancient Mayan Civilization and what life was like for the Maya. We will be using our enquiry skills and exploring a range of sources to find out who they were, where they lived and what they were famous for. We may even be able to get an insight into the mystery of the Maya....

## Science

In science this term, we will begin by exploring light and how we see.

This will include investigating shadows, the colour of light and also making our own periscopes. After half term, we will be learning more about electricity and are looking forward to creating complex circuits.

## Key dates

Y6 swimming begins on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Wow day  
Come to school dressed as an explorer or archaeologist ready to travel back in time to Ancient Maya.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Whole school trip to the seaside (more information to follow)

## Computing

Building upon our work from last term, Year 5 will be using Scratch before moving onto movie evaluation and video editing.

Year 6 will be continuing their touch-typing journey, whilst considering how technology can be used as a communication tool.

## PSHE and Values

In PSHE, we will be exploring topics linked to living in the wider world and our community.

Our values sessions will look in detail at bible stories and explore the following values:

Summer 1- Wisdom  
Summer 2- Creation

## Art and DT

In art, we are going to be experimenting with different printing techniques, including screen printing and intaglio (copper etching).

Our DT unit will be linked to food technology with a focus on Mexican dishes linked to our Maya topic.

## How to help at home:

- Read daily at home
- Support children to complete weekly homework tasks
- Test children on their spellings and any learn its
- Support children to parts of the project homework
- Keep an eye on Twitter for class news and events
- A useful website for parents about Ancient Maya:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/twinkl-homework-help-the-mayan-civilisation>

## French

Both classes will continue to develop their understanding and application of the French language.

Year 5- Shops, hobbies and dates/times

Year 6- Clothes, likes/dislikes and jobs

## PE

Mr Magee is excited to be working with Y5/6 again for their Monday PE sessions. We will be developing key cricket skills and building up to playing a class game. On Thursdays with LCFC, both classes will be developing their tennis skills. Y6 will also be resuming their swimming lessons this term.

## Music

In music this term, both classes will be working on two exciting Charanga units.

Year 5 - Dancing in the street  
Year 6 - You've got a friend in me  
Through these units, we will be listening to and discussing compositions before creating our own.

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