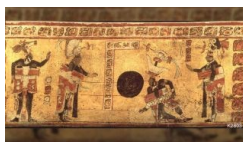


Welcome to the Maya!

Welcome back!! We all hope that you have had a restful summer and are looking forward to returning to school. Here is an overview of our first topic of the year.

In the jungles and hills of Central America, lie the ruins of a society that has fascinated historians for decades.—The Maya. By around AD 900, the Maya were an astonishingly advanced society with their own way of doing everything from farming to maths. **Take a look at what you are going to be learning about below.**



English	For English this term, we will be using the fictional narrative The Rain Player as well as making reference to the non-fiction information within History in Infographics: The Maya. The sequence begins with a ball arriving in the classroom with a warning asking children if they dare to play the most dangerous game of all time! The children will go on to use the information they have learned to write instructions for Pok-a-Tok, posters, a missing scene, newspaper reports and conduct debates.
Maths	During our Maths sessions this term, children will be learning about the following: Yr5: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Statistics, Position and Direction. Yr6: Will be doing the above as well as Algebra and Ration and Proportion.
Science	As part of science, children will learn about properties and changes of materials where they will compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. By the end of the topic, they will know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution. They will also apply their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating.
History	Children will study the Maya civilisation where they will Meet the Maya, learn about their religion and Gods and also discover what daily life was like and the foods they ate.
Geography	Children will locate continents, the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and Arctic and Antarctic Circles. Children will also learn about types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.
DT	Probably the most exciting part of the topic - Chocolate! Our budding chocolatiers will get the chance to design and create their own chocolate.

Homework

Children will be provided with a sheet where they are expected to completed a certain number of tasks of their choice over the term. This is to be competed as well as regular reading, spelling and learning of times tables.

PE Kits

Children will need their PE Kits on the following days:

Chestnut - Mondays & Thursdays

Acer - Tuesdays & Thursdays

Beech - Thursdays and Fridays