

# Summer term 1: Year 6

# The Mayans



## English

Our focus will be on writing biographies. We will read and analyse biographies, identifying key features which we will use when planning and writing our own biographies linked to the Tudors. Also, we will be writing non-chronological reports linked to our topic on the Mayan Civilisation. Our grammar and punctuation work this half term will be predominantly on tense, colons and semi-colons as well as revisiting the grammar and punctuation that has been taught in preparation for SATs.

We are reading...



## Poetry

We will explore poems from around the world – including Mexico.

## Maths

- \*shapes – 2D and 3D nets.
- \*calculate and measure angles.
- \*coordinates in 4 quadrants.
- \*translating and reflecting shapes.
- \*Pictograms, bar charts, line graphs and tables of data

## Science

Our science topic this half term is LIGHT. We will be learning: that light travels in straight lines and that objects are seen because they reflect light into the eye. We will also learn that we see things because light travels from a light source to our eyes and use our knowledge of light to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

## Key vocabulary

ancient	cactus	civilisation
Dia de los Muertos		desert
festival		indigenous
Mariachi band		Maya deity
Maya stelae		temple
Mexico		tradition



## History

We will be travelling back in time to ancient Mayan times – AD250 – AD900. The children will learn about various aspects of this ancient central American civilisation:

- Daily Maya life
- City states
- Food and farming
- Trade
- Religion and beliefs
- What happened to the Mayans

## RE

Our big question will be 'What kind of a king was Jesus'. We will look at what qualities make a good king, and if he was King, what his ideal kingdom would be like. We will then compare it to what the world is actually like.

## PSHE

We will look at what changes our bodies go through during puberty, human reproduction and healthy loving relationships. We will also look at different types of relationships and how non-heterosexual couples can have babies. We will look at what being a parent involves. Towards the end of the half term we will focus on body image and self-esteem.

## Music

Watch this space! Music will be within our end of year production of a musical called Cinderella & Rockerfella.

## Art and DT

We will explore colour and pattern as part of designing and creating Day of the Dead masks.

## PE

P.E. is on Wednesday afternoons. This half term we will focus on cricket and athletics. Year 6 pupils will be dismissed from the Leisure Centre at 3:15pm.

## Computing

We will explore the use of spreadsheets.