



Curriculum Information



Summer 2 Year 6



Our topic this half term is 'The Maya Civilisation'

This half term, Year 6 will be looking into the traditions and the lives of those that lived within Ancient Maya civilisation.

As writers, we will be writing diary entries, science investigations and information pages.

As readers, we will focus on 'Freedom' by Catherine Johnson – a tale of Nathaniel who desperately aims to escape life on the Jamaican plantation he has been born into.

In Maths, we will be using and applying our mathematical knowledge and skills in order to solve a range of problems.

In Science, we will be looking at how light travels, how shadows are formed and how we can manipulate the size of them. We will also be looking at the circulatory system: which body parts are involved and how it relates to pulse rates.

In Computing, we will look into online safety with regards to age related content, how to deal with online bullying and our conduct and communications in online social groups. We will use our knowledge of digital literacy (particularly PowerPoint) to appeal to a range of audiences. We will also develop our coding skills using Scratch.

In History, we will look at the Maya civilisation, their beliefs and rituals alongside their art and architecture. As historians, we will look at excavations by archaeologists (Chichen Itza) and subsequently the downfall of the Mayan civilisation.

In Geography, we will be using atlases to locate Mexico City and compare and contrast the physical and human geography with Birmingham. We will use our geographical skills with 6 figure grid references, identify Maya civilisation and use mathematical skills to show the climate.

In Art, we will be looking at the famous artist, Pablo Picasso. We will be using his abstract style of art (cubism) to create self-portraits. We will also be creating and evaluating 3D Maya masks.

In Design & Technology, we will be completing two projects. We will be learning about electrical systems to create something that could solve problems, either at home or at school. We will also be designing, making and evaluating burrito bowls.

In Languages, we will be learning the basics of the German language, such as greetings, numbers and colours, in preparation for high school.

In Music, we will be learning a range of songs in preparation for our Year 6 performance, focusing on the art of performance.

In PE, we will be learning a range of dances in preparation for our Year 6 performance. We will also be developing our basketball skills, improving our defending, attacking and team playing skills.

In PSHE, we will learn about growing and changing (including Relationship & Sex Education). We will be preparing for our transition to high school. We will also be exploring a variety of issues related to living in the wider world: investigating a range of careers, delving into economic wellbeing and sharing our aspirations for the future.

In RE, we will be looking at the Sikh religion and considering how the five Ks impact their daily life. We will also be comparing our knowledge of religions with regards to reincarnation and rebirth.