

The Ancient Mayans: A Study

Y6 Autumn 1 2025

History

We will be studying the ancient civilisation of Maya:

- Religious practices
- Inventions and discoveries
- Life and times of the people of Maya
- The city of Chichen Itza
- The Mayan calendar

Maths

We will concentrate on Place Value and the four number operations. We will then move on to looking at fractions. We will have daily practice of arithmetic to become more efficient when calculating. If you don't already know your times tables, now is the time to learn them!

RE: Branch 1, Creation and Covenant

We will start the year off by looking at the book of Genesis and discussing the meaning behind Jesus as "The Second Adam".

We will also do some work around our class saint, St John the Evangelist.

English

We will start the year by consolidating writing skills from lower down the school. We will start with a mini topic around the following books:

- The Day the Crayons Quit
- Godfrey is a Frog

We will then continue our consolidation by using a range of texts including Shackleton's Journey.

PE

PE kits will need to be brought in on a Monday and a Wednesday.

On Monday, we will have PE with Mr Senior. On a Wednesday, we will have Forest School sessions outdoors. Suitable outdoor clothing will need to be brought e.g – long pants, coats and suitable footwear.

Art & DT – TBC

As an extension to our topic, we will learn how to temper chocolate and then design / make chocolate boxes that will house homemade chocolates to be sold at the Christmas Fair.

Computing – Communication and Collaboration

We will explore how data is transferred over the internet, looking at addressing, structure of data packets and IP addresses. We will look at how to communicate responsibly and how information is shared on the internet.

Science – Living things and their habitats

In this topic, we will learn about the conditions for life, grouping and classification of plants and animals, microorganisms and the scientist Carl Linnaeus.

French – Chez moi

We will recap some of what was done in Y5 before moving on to more complex work.

Music - Happy

Y6 are learning about how songs can make them happy, concentrating mostly on Pharell Williams' Happy.

