

## Term 3 Curriculum Newsletter: Year 5

Term 3 Topic:  
Mayans












### **Dear Parents / Carers**

In Term 3 your children will be learning about the Mayans. Alongside this Curriculum Newsletter, your children will bring home this term's Knowledge Organiser, which contains key knowledge, dates, figures and vocabulary that the children should learn, as part of homework, by the end of the term when they will take their 'end of topic quizzes'.

### **Focus on Curriculum**

Below outlines some of the exciting things your child will learn about and experience this term, through the different curriculum areas.

<p>Science</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● We will look at the circulatory system and healthy lifestyles</li></ul>
<p>History</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Find when the ruins of the ancient Mayan civilisation were discovered</li><li>● Find out how Mayan civilisation developed over time</li><li>● Investigate how Mayan society was organised</li><li>● Find out about the decline of Mayan society</li><li>● Create a timeline of Mayan civilisation</li></ul>
<p>Geography</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Find out where the Mayans lived</li></ul>
<p>Music</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Music this term is based on the Hip Hop genre of music and is focused around the song: The Fresh Prince of Bel Air. The children will then compare this song to a range of others from the Hip Hop genre.</li><li>● The children will learn how to appraise music, sing the song, improvise and practise skills such as keeping the pulse, playing instruments, reading music and composing their own hip hop songs.</li></ul>

<p>Languages</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This term we will be focusing on 'Chez Moi' (My Home) in French lessons.</li> <li>• This will include the names of each room in a home, what sort of area their home is in (e.g. countryside, town etc.).</li> <li>• Children will also continue to develop their written French this term.</li> </ul>
<p>Religious Education</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on Sikhism for our two RE theme days at the end of Spring 2.</li> </ul>
<p>PSHE (SCARF)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping myself safe</li> <li>• Y5 and 6 will also be taking part in the Physical and Mental Health and well-being workshop.</li> </ul>
<p>Physical Education</p> 	<p><b>PE days this term are:</b> Monday and Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• gym</li> <li>• football</li> </ul>
<p>Computing</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will continue to focus on Online Safety this term and <b>The Stay Safe Initiative</b> are coming into school on Tuesday 18th January to deliver an online safety workshop.</li> </ul>

## Signposts to Learning

We know that you will be keen to support your children with their learning. Below are some suggested books and websites, which can help.

<p><b>Websites</b></p>
<p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw</a>  <a href="https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/mayans/">https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/mayans/</a>  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/year-5-and-p6-maths-lessons/1">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/year-5-and-p6-maths-lessons/1</a>  <a href="https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/">https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/</a>  <a href="https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/english/primary-english-year-5-age-9-10/">https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/english/primary-english-year-5-age-9-10/</a>  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f</a></p>
<p><b>Books</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mayan Civilization (The History Detective Investigates)</i></li> </ul>

## Visits/ Enrichment Experiences

### Homework

- Weekly spelling
- Reading 5 times each week recorded in the Reading Diary and activity completed
- Maths (set on Seesaw)

## Important Dates for Your Diaries

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January Flu immunisations

*As you can see, this term will bring many exciting learning opportunities! If you do have any questions, please feel free to contact us through the family messaging service on the Seesaw app.*

*Thanks for your continued support.*

*Mrs Winchcombe (Maple Class) and Mrs Ash and Mrs Zenonos (Sycamore Class)*