

Mysteries from the Mayans!



Year 6

Summer 2025

Opportunities for memorable experiences



KEY AREA OF LEARNING -

Our key area of learning this term will be learning all about the Mayans. We will start this topic with looking at a range of maps, identifying where this Ancient Civilisation began before embarking on the historical aspect. The children will then use their historical skills to determine why the Mayans became so important and build their civilisation on such a difficult terrain, before its decline. We plan to look at their fascinating culture and their influence on us today – the introduction of chocolate and the number 0, for a start!

SCIENCE

Animals, including humans:

Moving on from the Circulatory system, we will be looking at the impact of diet, drugs, exercise and lifestyle on how our bodies function.

Evolution and Adaptations: They will learn how human evolution has occurred and compare modern humans with those of the same genus and family; explain the terms adaptation, evolution and natural selection and use these in context; identify the difference between selective and cross-breeding.

ENGLISH

SATs revision will form the first few weeks of the term in readiness for the DfE tests in May.

Our text driver will continue to be Survivor where we will be exploring the different stories within the book to produce a range of writing outcomes from.

Our final text of the year will be Holes. A time to read for pleasure and enjoy a fantastic book.

MATHS

In **Maths**, we will be following DfE guidance to ensure children are secure in the key concepts essential for the next stage of their education. They will continue to study the national curriculum and revise key areas before the SATs.

Shape – angles Algebra

Statistics SATs Revision

Ratio Maths investigations

HOMEWORK

Any work at home at this stage is going to be beneficial in preparation for SATS.

COMPUTING

Computing sessions look at programming – sensing – where they will be introduced to the micro:bit as an input, process, output device that can be programmed. The final part of the year will be dedicated to web page design.

PE

We will be focusing on developing our athletics, rounders and cricket.

We will aim to get outside as often as possible once SATS are completed.

FRENCH

During this term we will be consolidating our learning and understanding. Advancing our knowledge of foods and drink and how to place and order.

PSHE/SMSC

School Value: Relationships

Social – Teamwork within class, particularly through the residential.

Cultural – Cultural – looking at aspects of Mayan history

Moral – Moral – Looking at the moral implications of the Mayan treatment and land use.

Spiritual – Constant referral to issues around spirituality in worships (class and whole)

TRIPS/VISITORS

This is a wonderful time of the year and we love going out on trips to enhance your child's learning. We have the residential and the Leavers' service in Portsmouth, Paulsons Park & UKSA to name but a few, with other events to be arranged for the term.

ART

We will be learning about the Mayan culture and using a range of techniques and different media, they will design a Mayan death mask.

DT

We will make chocolate recipes at the start of their Mayan topic. The pupils will also be upcycling an old outfit into a catwalk-worthy item.

MUSIC

In music, we will be building up towards our end of year performance, learning a range of songs for the performance.

RE

By following the Hampshire *Living Difference III* we will be looking at –

Summer 1: Love

Summer 2: River of Life