

Year 4

Summer Term 2023

Mayans



This term we are studying the Maya civilisation. The Ancient Mayans developed the science of astronomy, calendar systems, and hieroglyphic writing. They were also known for creating elaborate ceremonial architecture, such as pyramids, temples, palaces, and observatories. These structures were all built without metal tools. In this topic, we will study the civilisation and compare and contrast to civilisations we have already studied and our own. We will also look at the fall of the Mayan civilisation and what we deem to be the most important factor in it's collapse.



Useful Websites

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw>
- <https://www.britishmuseum.org/projects/preserving-maya-heritage>
- [https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/rivers-\(1\)/](https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/rivers-(1)/)
- https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_geography/rivers/rivers.html

Suggested Reading

- The Chocolate Tree by Linda Lowery
- The Hero Twins: Against The Lords Of Death By Dan Jolley
- [The Great Kapok Tree](#) by Lynne Cherry
- A Boy and a Bear in a Boat by David Shelton
- River Boy by Tom Bowler
- A River by Marc Martin

Suggested Experiences

- The Game of Chance and Skill - A Review Game
- Create a death mask
- Create a Mayan temple or pyramid from junk modelling
- Explore Mayan hieroglyphics and create own scriptures with feathers and crushed berries
- Make chocolate the Mayan way
- Play the Maya Ballgame

Maths

- Geometry
- Statistics
- Fractions
- Multiplication and Division
- Volume and Capacity

English

- Poetry—The Promise
- Cinnamon— informal letter
- River Stories— Nonfiction report
- Race to the Frozen North— Diary
- Amari—Newspaper Article

Science: Living Things

RE: Raksha Bandhan and Devotion

PSHE: Changing Me and Relationships

Art: Creating a 3D death mask

Computing: Photo editing and sound editing

DT: Creating a Tortilla

Geography: Rivers and waterways

History: Mayan Civilisation's

Spanish: Travel and Faces

Music: Lucy in the Sky

PE: Athletics, football, Swimming, Tennis and Rounders

How I can help at home

- MathsFrames.co.uk
- Timestables.co.uk
- BBCbitesize revision
- <https://uk.ixl.com/maths/year-4>

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- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/english/>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/grammar/>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=49>



Homework

- At least 20 minutes reading 4 times a week
- Practicing spelling at least 4 times a week
- TTRockstars and Timestables.co.uk
- Project homework
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?+4+maths&p=6>



Vocabulary

- **Monument**—something built in memory of a person, event or special deed
- **Uinal**— Word for a month in the Maya calendar. It was 20 days long
- **Codices** - Books created by the Mayans. They were made of soft bark and folded like a fan.
- **Chichen itza**—The Mayans most well-known pyramid.
- **Ahau** — The main king or lord of a Maya city-state.