

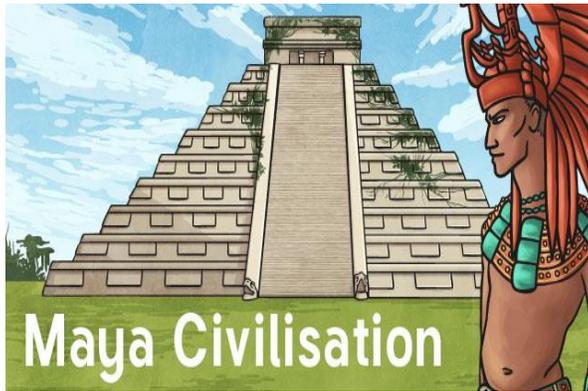


Year Four News

Mayhill Junior School, The Bury, Odiham, RG29 1NB

February 2019

Who are the Maya?



This half term we continue to take a step back in time to learn about the Ancient Maya Civilisation. We learn about the daily life, beliefs, society and the impact of the Maya on our lives today. We will also have the opportunity to handle genuine Mayan artefacts and carry out exciting activities of historical enquiry when Dr Diane Davies takes our Maya Workshop in March. Dr Diane Davies is an archaeologist who specialises on the Ancient Maya – a civilisation that we can't wait to learn even more about!

English

This half term we will be focusing on performance poetry. We will be exploring some poems written by the author Joseph Coelho including the poem 'Hamster, Hamster.' We will be learning about why he may have written the poem, performing it as a class and we will write our own poem to perform! We will also be exploring many different and varied styles of poetry that we hope the children will enjoy!

Maths

The term will begin with a focus on multiplication and division, with the children developing and extending their knowledge, mental strategies for the 2 operations and extending this into written methods. The children will also be learning more about fractions and explore how to read, interpret and represent a variety of data and statistics. The context for our maths learning this term will be a mix of calculations, real life problems and investigations.

PE/Games

Children have 2 PE sessions every week, with each session lasting an hour. It is really important that they have their kit in school on those days. Year 4 have their PE lessons on the following days:

- **Outdoor: Monday** – Invasion Games: Football
- **Indoor: Thursday** – Mayan Dance

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Come and Join us!

Helpers are always welcome in year 4, especially for reading as the children love sharing their books with other people. If you feel you have something exciting to share with the children around any of our topics, maths, science or literacy, we would love to see you. No previous experience required! Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help at all, even if only once. Thank you!



Homework

Year Four homework works in the same way as last term. It is set on a **Thursday** and must be completed by the following **Tuesday**. The children will have weekly spellings and a task for English and Maths. We will sometimes be providing weekly computer based tasks. Any child who does not have access to a computer at home may join our weekly homework club which will run on Wednesday lunchtimes.

How you can help your child:

There are some fantastic websites that help children to find out more about the Maya. Why not try these for starters:

www.mayankids.com

www.mayas.mrdonn.org

To practise the maths and literacy concepts the children are working towards this term the children can choose from the wide variety of games the following websites;

www.topmarks.co.uk/

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zbr9wmn>

Reading: Year 4 all have a reading record book with spaces for the children to record their thoughts each time they read. This allows us to easily see which books are being read, which helps us to guide the children when giving advice/suggestions and monitoring reading.

We are all very much looking forward to an exciting half-term. If you have any questions or comments about your child's learning, do come in and see us!

Kind regards,

The Year Four team,
Mrs Allen and Miss Fell

Dates for the diary:

Parents' Evenings

*Wednesday 27th February 2019
5-7pm*

*Thursday 28th February 2019
3.30-6pm*

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2019

Year 4 Maya Workshop

Tuesday 12th March 2019

Last Day of Term

Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term – 1st Day back.

Tuesday 23rd April 2019