

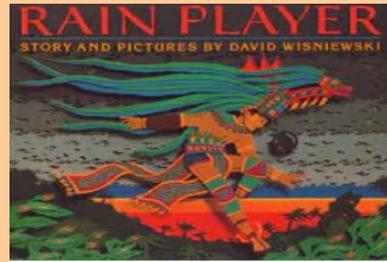
ENGLISH: The first half of the term will focus on writing a non-chronological report about the Ancient Maya, using their writing skills to engage and inform the reader and a variety of organisational devices. They will then move on to writing a chronological report in the form of a journalistic recount, reporting on the Pok-a-Tok game in the book 'Rainplayer' by David Wisniewski.

MATHS: Children will concentrate on Shape by recapping right-angles and acute and obtuse before looking at recognising and comparing angles, both triangles and quadrilaterals, vertical and horizontal lines and lines of symmetry. They will then look at Measures by recapping known measures before moving on to the learn about perimeter of rectangles and irregular shapes.

SCIENCE: In the Electricity unit, children will learn about common electrical appliances and construct simple circuits. They will investigate cells, wires, bulbs and buzzers and different types of electrical switches. With this knowledge, they will be able to troubleshoot a circuit that is not working correctly and rectify errors.

Vocabulary: civilisation, Central America, calendar, Mesoamerica, Pok-a-Tok, maize, stelae, pyramids and sacrifice.

RE: We will continue with the Big Question of: Why do Muslims call Muhammad the 'Seal of the Prophets'? Children will learn about the Prophet and his life and how art and design are used to show belief.



The Ancient Maya

MFL: During 'As tu un animal?' children will be introduced to vocabulary for animals (using BSL signs too), to talk about animals they have at home.

PSHE: Personal Safety—feeling safe, trusted adults, body autonomy. Drug Education—medicines and other substances *eg* alcohol.

Forest School: The children will learn about the Ancient Maya game of Pok-a-Tok in addition to trying soap carving linked to the Maya. As it nears the Platinum Jubilee, they will explore the question, 'Who is The Queen?' They will also plant vegetables in preparation for their WW2 topic in Y5 and grow sunflowers to make a Sunflower Room.

PE: Athletics is the focus for this half term and the children will concentrate on the pentathlon with activities including timed running—along with building stamina, jumping and throwing techniques.

TOPIC: As part of The Ancient Maya, children will compare and contrast with past learning of civilisations, learn about the Mayan calendar, the culture, religion, and make both Guatemalan worry dolls and a chocolate Chichen Itza.

ART & DT: Linking with both Forest School and Topic, the children will learn about sculpture in Art lessons. In DT, they will explore electrical systems, linking with the Science topic of Electricity.

Music: Using our Charanga programme, we will once again be playing glockenspiel and looking at the song 'Blackbird'.

Computing: Children will continue with the PurpleMash programme in addition to using SeeSaw and other methods to record and present ideas.