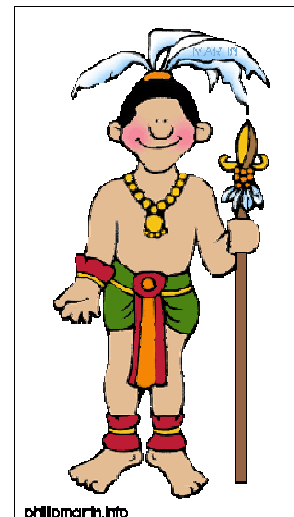


Year 4 Spring Term

Our learning journey is...

# Mysterious Maya



Some of the questions we hope to answer during  
this term are...

What is an ancient civilisation?

Who were the ancient Maya?

Where did the ancient Maya people live?

What is the Maya calendar?

What did the ancient Maya believe?

Why was chocolate important to the ancient  
Maya?

What did ancient Maya writing look like?

What happened to the ancient Maya?

Which animals were important for the  
ancient Maya?

This term we will enrich the  
learning with...

- ♦ A Mayan Feast
- ♦ Chocolate Day: A two day celebration of chocolate and its importance in Maya culture: 50p donation
- ♦ Trip to Hindu Temple : approx. £8.00



You might like to join in with our learning at home by...



#### Doing:

Research what life was like in ancient Maya.

Collect feathers and coloured beads for our art work this term.

#### Reading:

The Chocolate Tree (A Maya Folktale)

The Hero Twins (A Maya Myth)

The Ancient Maya (True Books: Ancient Civilizations). By Jackie Maloy.

#### Websites:

<http://mayankids.com/>

<http://mayaruins.com/>

<http://www.history.com/topics/maya>

<http://mayas.mrdonn.org/>

## What will we be doing in each subject?

In Literacy, we will be writing information booklets about ancient Maya as well as creating play scripts of the King of Birds myth. We will also explore Mayan poetry and write a story retelling a traditional Maya folktale. Further more, we will enrich our writing by reading many different myths, tales and stories from the Maya culture.

Through our Science, we will investigate light, how we see and shadows.

During computing, we will learn how to use the internet safely to research and use programs to develop our word processing skills.

In Art, we will explore Maya culture through painting and collage. We also plan to create masks and a class mural.

In Design Technology, we will make shadow puppets and use them to retell stories. We will also design and make our own chocolates!

Throughout RE, we will learn about Hinduism and visit a temple as well as finding out why Easter is important to Christians.

In PE, we will develop our skills of balancing and rolling. During games we will play tag rugby.

We will continue to follow the new curriculum for our maths lessons. Finally, History and Geography, will of course be devoted to learning about the ancient civilization of Maya.