

Nevill Road Junior School 2017-2018

Year 5 Spring 2

Topic we will be covering:

What evidence do we have about the Maya Civilisation?



This term we will be focussing on the following areas and skills:

English

In English we will be writing non-chronological reports. Our writing targets are:

- Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely.
- Explore, collect and use modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility
- Identify and use brackets to indicate parenthesis.
- Demarcate complex sentences using commas in order to clarify meaning.
- In spelling we will be focusing on: rules for ie/ei words, use of apostrophes and the Y5 Statutory words.

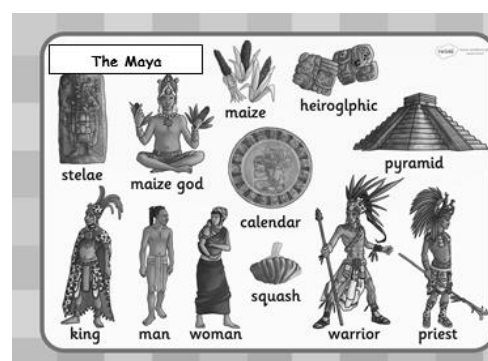
Maths

In Maths our maths targets are:

- Mental and written formal methods of multiplication and division.
- Read and write decimal numbers as fractions.
- Read, write, order and compare numbers, with up to 3 decimal places.
- Round decimals with 2 decimal places to the nearest whole number and to 1 decimal place.
- Problem solving and reasoning.

Topic and Science

In our topic we will be learning about the Maya. Children will generate questions to explore temple ruins and artefacts discovered in the remains of the Maya civilisation. They will find out how the Mayas developed over time and how their society was organised. They will explore everyday life for the Mayan people. The children will learn about Maya masks and design then make their own.



During our science topic on materials and how their properties can change, we will be undertaking investigations around; the best electrical conductors for a floodlight circuit, which materials disappear or dissolve and whether mixtures can be separated or not.

What we are doing

Swimming: Please ensure your child brings appropriate swimming kit/towel to school with them on a **Wednesday** morning. (the last session will be the 28th March)

This term we will invite the one and only Maya female archaeologists in the UK to talk to the children, show artefacts from the Maya time and to teach them about the number system and the Maya calendar.

There will be a Geography fieldwork week from 5th March - 9th March.

Parent Meetings will be in the last week of this term - more details to follow.

Homework

In our year group, the following homework will be set (in line with the school's Homework policy):

Friday: Spelling and Maths homework handed out.

Wednesday: Spelling and Maths homework handed in.

Reading: Children should be **reading daily** as this supports their writing and comprehension skills. Please sign your child's **new reading record** and ensure that your child has their reading book, reading record in school every day.

Our topic homework is due **on or before Wednesday 28th March**. As this is only a short term a minimum of **one** task is required. This will then be shared with the class.

How you can help:

It would also help if you could continue to support your child with:

- recalling their times tables and their corresponding division facts.
- helping them learn the Y5 spellings and rules.

If you require any more guidance on this, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.