



**Torriano
Primary School**

Curriculum
Information
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Am I a responsible and respectful citizen?

This term we will be learning about the Ancient Maya civilization , including our English work on **Popul Vuh**, the Maya creation story, and **Rainplayer**, a story based on Maya beliefs. A number of exciting learning opportunities have been planned ranging from a 'Mexicolore' workshop to a visit to the 'Wonder lab' at the Science Museum.

Topic



This term we will be studying the Maya and answering the question, 'Maya, an innovative society or a community destined to fail?' We will be using a range of historical artefacts and maps throughout the unit. The **mexicolore** workshop and working with Diane Davies(an archaeologist) will help consolidate the topic learning.

English



To start this term, we will be exploring the Maya creation myth , discussing its features to then create our very own Maya inspired creation myth. Later in the term, we will be writing playscripts based on 'Rainplayer' , a story about Maya beliefs and culture. Performing the scripts will provide the students with a good opportunity to develop their speaking and listening skills.

Maths



We will spend time investigating the following subject areas through our new Mastery approach to mathematics:, fractions, decimals, percentages, shape, measures and use of all four number operations.

We will also improve our reasoning skills and depth of knowledge in these key areas using Add'em's questions.

Science



We will be focusing on the topic of Space . Children will be studying the Earth's rotation to explain the idea of day and night . We will learning about the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. Finally we will also learn how to describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth.



PE

Multi-skills will be taught on Friday afternoons. We will build on these skills and other sporting skills throughout the term to develop children's understanding of communication and coordination through sport.

RE

Camden SACRE have introduced a new concept-based system of teaching RE this year. Children will learn about religion through an enquiry-based approach. The year 5 concepts this term are 'Prophecy' and 'The Magi'.

Art

The children will be developing pastel drawing techniques to draw quetzal bird(a Maya sacred bird). For **STEAM**, we will also be weaving and sewing our very own Space mission badges.

Music

The children will work weekly with Mr Cambata, continuing their topic work in music. They will use the topic of **Space** as a stimulus to compose their own space song. They will be writing the lyrics, melody and chord structure before finally recording their piece. Look out for it on the website!

MFL

The children will work weekly with Mr Bioletti. This term we will be investigating reflexive verbs within the context of school and daily life. We will also extend upon our knowledge of adjectives and adverbs when giving opinions.

PSHE

Our big question this year is '*What makes me a responsible and respectful citizen?*'. As we explore this, we will be looking at goal setting and establishing ways to meet these goals. We will also look at what influences our decisions-good and bad influences. Additionally we will continue to explore the SDG's.

Computing

The children will explore coding and develop their computational thinking through their work with Scratch. We will continue to develop digital literacy, more specifically the areas of online safety.