

Summaries

Maths

- Solve problems involving converting between units of time
- Solve problems involving numbers up to three decimal places
- Explore the place value of digits in different bases

English

- Pupils learn about many different aspects of Mayan civilisation through their study of a variety of non-fiction texts.
- They learn to convert information stored in non-fiction texts into different formats.
- They explore and replicate the conventions used in a variety of familiar text types including formal and informal letters, job advertisements and news reports.
- There are numerous opportunities for discussion, role-play and drama improvisation throughout the Unit, all of which contribute to the development of pupils' speaking and listening skills.

Rites and Rituals

Music

- Pupils will look at traditional Mayan music and instruments associated with ceremonies and rituals
- They will make comparisons with modern day ritualistic music and will create a piece of Mayan inspired music linked to the calendar with a focus on a 'sun dance'

Languages

- Meet les Maya with their magical drink of Xocoatl
- Discover the journey from cocoa tree to Xocoatl to the chocolate we enjoy today
- Learn about the Mayan Ball Game and get physical playing games to learn the verb Avoir and win chocolate! (No sacrifices necessary!)
- Smell the spices the Mayans used to flavour their chocolate perhaps even make some Mayan chocolate drops
- Last but not least, pupils look at both the Mayan Haab calendar and the French calendar of Saints' days and make special birthday cards to celebrate l'anniversaire de Pascal Poireau

Geography

- Pupils learn about ways in which people past and present manage scarce resources such as fresh water.
- Pupils learn about the trading of precious resources in the ancient world and in our own.
- Pupils also learn about some of the innovative and sustainable farming techniques used by ancient civilisations and consider their relevance to the modern world.

History

- Pupils learn about the huge span of time across which Mayan civilisation existed and learn to demarcate some of the distinctive eras within this.
- Pupils learn about the architectural genius of the Mayans and explore the religious significance of their buildings.
- Pupils learn about the impressive achievements of Mayan mathematicians and astronomers, particularly their development of a sophisticated system of calendars.

Applied Computing

- Pupils use the internet to research information about the Mayans

Art and Design

- Study Mayan Art and masks
- Design own mask inspired by Mayan art.
- Create mask from card and papier mache.

