

Our Topic Work

Our topic this term is 'The Mystery of the Mayans'. The Mayans were the people who lived in the area now known as Mexico and parts of Northern Central America. They lived in this area between 2000 BC to 900 AD.

In our topic work we will be learning about the animals, plants, food, customs, clothing, gods, achievements, music and instruments, ways of hunting and travelling, Mayan myths, buildings, bartering and number systems, art and craft, system of writing using symbols and how the Maya used irrigation and drainage. To support us in this topic it would be really helpful if you could find information and pictures of artefacts of the Maya with your child in books and on the Internet.

Class News & Information

Welcome to the Spring term in Blackbirds Class. Your child's class team is Claire — Class Teacher, Michelle, Caroline, Zoe, and Emma. Your child has a home school/diary which we use to support communication. Please put any money, forms or letters into the plastic wallet in the diary so that we don't miss them. We will also do the same. We have a weekly blog which will be put on the school website so will not write daily in the diary.

The school provides snacks and drinks at break times and welcomes a daily donation of 25p. If you wish your child to have something different you may send it in. A timetable is attached and you will see that swimming is on Fridays, and PE on Wednesdays. Your child will need kit provided for these activities. Could you please make sure all your child's clothes and belongings are labelled so that we can make sure they are returned.

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Ideas to support your child at home

Please can you write weekend news in the diary so that we can support your child to talk or write about it. Do not worry if you haven't been anywhere special — playing with toys or having a meal together is just as valuable.

Sharing and reading books including the school reading book and any flash-cards.

Making measure, counting and number part of everyday activities e.g. counting steps on the stairs.

Encourage self-help skills including putting on coats, collecting and putting away belongings, getting cold drinks or opening packets etc.

Area of Learning
English

What we are doing in School

Improving communication, listening to, exploring, and writing fiction and non-fiction including poetry.

Improving fine-motor skills and handwriting. Writing captions and sentences letter formation, letter sounds, ordering pictures to make stories, taking part in drama, learning more Makaton, role play and speaking and listening activities.

Maths

Matching, sorting, number and calculation, time, Position and direction, weight, capacity, temperature and recording data in pictograms and graphs.

PHSE—Learning about healthy living. MFL—French
Science—Learning about types of plant and animals in the Mayan area, and about the human body.

Computing — We will use technology throughout the curriculum to make records of images and sound, support communication, aid research etc
PHSE/SMSC/RE Studying the main four religions.

D & T/Art — Making Mayan food, pyramids, crafts and mosaics and tools

PE — Ball skills and team games.

Geography— Maps and geography of the Maya.

Music- Mayan instruments and music, composing our own music.

History — The history and culture of the Maya.