

Year Group: 3&4

Unit/Topic: Mayans (History Focus)



Key Texts	Reading Key Focus	Writing	Maths
The Chocolate Tree: A Mayan Folktale by Linda Lowery	retrieve and record information from non-fiction; reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes; use skimming to locate the main ideas of text; identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these; identify structural conventions of non-fiction in relation to the text type (e.g. newspapers have a heading on but non-chronological reports have a title)	Narrative – Adventure Poetry (Visual) progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary; simple organisational devices [for example, headings and subheadings]; assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements	Number: Decimals (including money) Measurement: Time
Science (The Circle of Life)	Computing	History	Geography
-Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humansIdentify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functionsConstruct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.	Not covered in this topic (opportunity for catch up if needed) History links: -Research- Use of search engines to find suitable informationUnderstand computer networks including the internet.	-Which time period is this? (link onto a timeline); Who were the Mayans? Where were the Mayan cities located? Why did the Mayan civilisation decline? (geog link); What impact did the Mayans have on modern life? -Show knowledge and understanding of key events/people of areas they have studied including similarities and differencesDescribe how some of past events/people affect life today.	Not covered in this topic.
Art & Design	Design & Technology (DT)	Physical Education (PE)	Music
Observational drawings – portrait (pencil, pastels)	Knead, bake, measure - Tortilla & Guacamole (linked to History topic) -Measure components with more accuracy; -Demonstrate hygienic food preparation and storage -Evaluate product against original design criteria	Dance Athletics	Each class will study music for one full term during the year. -Begin to sing with confidence using a wider vocal range. -Understand how mouth shapes can affect voice sounds -Begin to develop singing in tune -Sing with awareness of pulse and control of rhythm

			Identify (and recognise) melodic phrases and sing them back Recognise rhythmic patterns Identify and recall rhythmic and melodic patterns
Learning to Thrive (PSHE)	French (MfL)	Religious Education (RE)	
Healthy relationships • Knowing Me - Knowing You	-Asking how much something costs and saying prices -Talking about what is in their town (village) -Giving directions -Saying names of shops -Saying the names of items you might buy in a shop	See individual topic guidance in RE folders for specifics to be taught. Multi/Humanist What does sacrifice mean?	