

## English

This term we will be writing a narrative piece based on the spooky story 'Alma'. This is a short film with no words, so we will be creating our own narrative using the Talk For Writing technique. This involves learning the story very securely so that we are able to focus on being creative when we write our own versions.

Our final piece will focus on integrating dialogue into a text and punctuating it successfully.

## Maths

In preparation for the SATs tests which take place in May, we will continue to revise basic skills in arithmetic including percentages, fractions, primes, squares and formal written methods as well as mental methods.

We will also focus on problem solving and reasoning using the four operations as this forms a key part of the tests.

## Science

Our science topic is **Classification of living things**. We will revise the work already covered from this topic in previous years before moving on to learn about Carl Linnaeus and how he developed the method we use today of classifying living things. We will use our skills to classify a variety of living things including animals, plants and microorganisms.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/science-ks2-the-work-of-carl-linnaeus/zhnjf4j>



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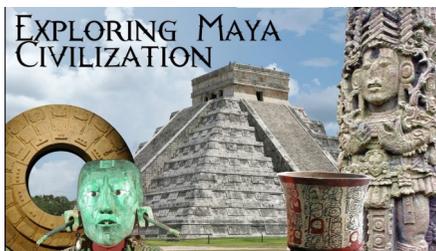


## Topic

For the summer term we will be studying the Ancient Maya, a civilisation which thrived about four thousand years ago.

We will find out where and when their civilisation flourished and possible reasons for its demise. We will see where the Maya fit into history by creating a timeline. We will discover that they had sophisticated writing and number systems and have a go at reading, understanding and using them.

We will explore similarities and differences between life for the Maya and for us today.



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### Curriculum Newsletter

#### **Year 6 Summer 1**

#### **How does modern life compare with that of the Ancient Maya?**

**PE:** our focus this term is cricket and we will be practising bowling, batting and fielding skills.

**Homework:** Given out on Friday. All home work must be completed and handed in by Tuesday.

## RE

We will find out how and where Sikhs worship. We will discover the importance in Sikhism of helping the wider community

## PSHE

We will explore how we build and keep relationships with others. We will learn about where we can go to seek help if we need it.

## French

We will learn how to say which sports we like and dislike and give a reason for this. We will use date and time to talk about when sporting events happen.

## Suggested books to read

**Rain Player** by David Wisniewski

**The Chocolate Tree: A Mayan Folktale** by Linda Lowery and Janice Lee Porter

**The Great Kapok Tree** by Lynne Cherry

**The Maya and Chichen Itza** by Ben Hubbard

## Suggested places to visit

**The British Museum**

## Suggested websites to visit

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw>

<http://maya.nmai.si.edu/>