



## Year 5 Learning Overview – Spring 2 2024

**Our topic: The Maya Civilization**

### By the end of our History topic:

#### Your child will know:

- Where the Maya people lived
- When the Maya people lived and where they fit on the historical timeline
- What Maya homes and communities looked like.
- About the Maya number system
- About Maya art and patterns
- That the Maya invented calendars
- About the importance of chocolate in the Maya culture
- The Maya used chocolate as a drink
- How and why they built temples and pyramids
- Why the Maya civilisation was so important

#### Your child will be able to:

- Retell a story about a Maya child from a silent film of a traditional Maya tale.
- Show on a map where the Maya civilisation was based
- Compare the Maya number system with our own and explain similarities and differences
- Explain how and why the Maya used chocolate
- Describe a temple or pyramid and its purpose.
- Describe the features of a Maya home
- Understand how the civilisation benefits the modern world

### By the end of our Science topic:

#### Your child will know:

- About the germination of seeds, bulbs and tubers
- About the lifecycle of a frog

#### Your child will be able to:

- Explain how plants grow from different beginnings
- Explain the lifecycle of a frog

#### Our memory maker event is:

School Journey and Fun Week.  
Visit to Horniman Museum for a Rainforest/Maya workshop

#### To help your child further you could:

Visit:  
The butterflies at the Horniman Museum

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/mayans/>

#### Children will also be able to:

- Explain how Christians follow the teaching of Jesus through Christian organisations e.g. Christian Aid
- Design and make a collar using Maya patterns
- Understand how to stay safe online
- Understand when to give and seek permission
- Explain and understand personal boundaries
- Understand and create paper and computer-based databases