

English

We will write an **explanation text**, designing an imaginary machine for making a drink. Brackets and connecting adverbs (e.g. therefore/consequently) will be a focus in **grammar and punctuation**.

Later, we will write poetry with a focus on figurative language, including **personification** and **metaphors**.

We will also read a range of non-fiction texts linked to the Maya.

Maths

During our **decimals** unit, we will learn about the place value of numbers with 3 decimal places, equivalent decimals to fractions and ordering and comparing decimals. We will also learn about **percentages**, percentages as fractions and decimals and how to calculate equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.

We will also complete a **perimeter and area** unit, focusing on the perimeter of rectangles and polygons, as well as the area of compound shapes.

Art

This half term, we will be looking at the importance of **headdresses in the Mayan civilisation**. We will research these, design and create one and then sketch using photos of us wearing our masterpieces. These sketches will concentrate on proportion, facial expressions and movement.

RE

During our Eucharist topic we will be learning about memorial sacrifice. This will focus on **how we keep memories alive**, The Passover, The Last Supper and Eucharistic Prayer.

Our Lent/ Easter topic is about **sacrifice**. This will focus on Lent as a time of giving, how to grow spiritually, the betrayal of Jesus by Judas and the sacrifice of Jesus.

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Meet The Mighty Maya

PE

During **Tennis** lessons, we will learn how to hit a ball with purpose with a racket, varying speed, height and direction so we can take part in mini matches.

During our **hockey** lessons, we will be learning the skills and rules to enable us to play mini matches. This will include: dribbling, passing, attacking and defending play.

History

We will learn about the **Mayan civilization**. This includes knowledge of their achievements and why they became so powerful. We will write a guide to Mayan life, covering topics such as food, clothes and customs. After, we examine Mayan artefacts to see what can be deduced about their lives. Finally, we discuss whether they were brutal or civilised, with reference to human and animal sacrifice.

Computing

This half term we will be **creating multimedia presentations** that contain sound, animation and video, all about the Maya.

Science

In Science this half term, we will learn about **changes of state**, with reference to solids, liquids and gases. We will conduct experiments to find out about soluble materials and how they can be retrieved from solutions. We will identify reversible and irreversible changes.

Music

In Music this half term, we will continue to learn the **Keyboard**. So far we have been learning about how to play melodies with our right hand. We will now learn chords with our left hand so that we can put these together to play our first whole pieces with two hands!