



The People and Faces Year 5 Summer 1

As readers and writers we will be carrying out independent research of the Mayan Gods, and using a variety of different writing techniques to present our findings. This will include report writing, and we will also write biographies of the artists that we are studying this term.

As mathematicians, we will be continuing to work on our understanding of decimals. We will learn how to add and subtract decimals, and we will look at a range of problem solving tasks involving decimals.

As designers and technologists we will create a Mayan tile using clay and then mosaic materials. We will also use 3D masks and a variety of different materials to design and create a Mayan face mask.

As citizens of the world we will recognise and respect how different members of society choose to live their lives.

As geographers we will find out where in the world the Mayans lived, looking at how they developed their settlements, and also discover how nature played a major role in their lives. We will research the natural resources in the area and how these were used in everyday Mayan lives. We will also compare the lives of people in this region now and then.

As artists we will create distorted collages with Mayan masks, and look at the work of Jewlensky and David Hockney. We will study how they create portraits, and compare this with the art of the ancient Mayans. We also intend to create iconic faces using digital technology.

As Historians, we will explore the remains of Mayan civilizations, researching how they developed over time. This will help us establish how Mayan society was organised. We will look at the different religions and beliefs of the Mayan people, how they developed calendars and number systems, and how they also created their own system for writing. We will also look at reasons and causes for the decline of the Mayan Civilization. We will supplement this learning by participating in an external workshop, centred around life in Mayan times.

Other activities to be covered:

PE - Athletics and Outdoor Adventure Activities

Music - We will be using a range of percussion instruments in the retelling of the Mayan creation story, during our workshop.

RE - Judaism and Christianity

As Spanish speakers we will learn about the planets.