

# Findern Primary School

Willow Class  
Curriculum Newsletter  
Summer 1 & 2  
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## The Maya



## Cross curricular theme: The Maya

Through a cross curricula approach to our learning we will research and present information about the Maya. We will discover where and when the Maya built their magnificent civilisation and develop a range of skills across the curriculum. We will investigate how they lived, their culture and their legacy, comparing their lives to our own. We will also find out when the Maya were first recognised by archaeologists and when this society is said to have come to an end, recognising that there are still living Maya people today. Examine the different types of evidence that tell us about the Maya. Explore the region of the Maya civilization in Mesoamerica and create our own Maya inspired art.

### English

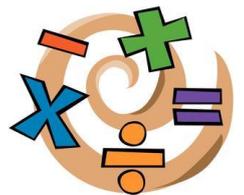


Whilst looking at historical stories we will improve our use of a range of conjunctions to create compound and complex sentences; use of relative clauses and use commas correctly.

Whilst developing our non-fiction forms of writing we will focus on the use of adverbials of time, space and number, using past and present tense verbs appropriately and recognising the differences. We will also look at different types of poetry, recognising vocabulary and structures appropriate for formal and written speech, and the differences between this and spoken speech, including the use of contractions.

### Mathematics

We will continue to consolidate and extend our understanding of number and place value, the four operations of calculation, fractions including decimals and percentages, ratio and proportion, algebra, measurement, properties of shape, position, direction and statistics.



### Reading

The children will read weekly with their class teacher during a focused guided reading session. Children are given the opportunity to change their reading books daily. As you know, reading regularly with your child and asking questions about the book is very important, so please read with your child as often as possible.

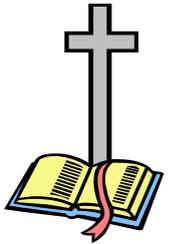


## Science

We will look at the history of classification of living things from Aristotle to the present day. Study the binomial system introduced by Linnaeus and the seven levels of classification used today. Understand why classification is important and use and create classification keys.

## RE

We will explore why the Qur'an is so important for Muslims today. We will describe how and why sacred texts are important to believers; recognise and describe how a story from sacred text may provide inspiration or guidance to a religious believer, making links with our own ideas about how these teachings might be worth following. We will ask questions and suggest answers about how and why the Qur'an influences Muslims and identify what influences them, noting similarities and differences between sacred texts.



## PE

We will continue learning a variety of skills in order to take part in physical activities effectively. We will develop different techniques allowing us to be accurate and play as a team.

Please see below for some useful websites to visit to keep your maths, science and literacy skills alive!

BBC bitesize - maths and literacy skills

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/>

Interactive games and activities - maths, literacy and science.

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/>

Maths games and activities

<http://www.coolmath4kids.com/>

Maths and literacy games

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

Information on Greeks

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zsdrqty>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/z2pfqk7>

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