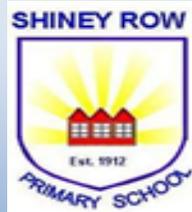


Historians

As historians, we will be studying the Maya. They were a powerful and dominant civilisation from around 2000BC to AD900. We will find out where and how the Maya lived and we will uncover their religious beliefs. The Maya were an advanced people and we will look at out how they developed ingenious writing and mathematical systems, comparing them to the modern day literacy and mathematics. Living many thousands of years ago was very different to modern day life. We will investigate the types of houses that the Maya built, the clothes that were wore and food that they ate. We'll consider why the Maya lost power in Central America and what remains



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Enhancing Learning

Children will have the opportunity to develop basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics throughout the curriculum, including writing recounts, diaries, letters and reports and using data handling and statistics.

This half term, we will be reading a wide variety of texts and genre, some of which will support our study of the Maya.

Art

As artists, we will study shape, form and shading as well as exploring blending and creating shadow. We will add colour to our observational drawings to create different effects and use the knowledge and skills we acquire to draw objects and artefacts linked to our study of the Maya.

Computing

As computer analysts, we will learn about staying safe online. We will use digital literacy to present information within a range of subjects we study. We will be also be working on improving our coding skills and computational thinking.

Science

As scientists, we will be learning about forces. We will investigate the importance and the effects of gravity on people and objects around us. We will learn how different forces affect how objects start moving, stop moving, speed up, slow down and change direction. To improve our understanding, we will conduct a variety of practical experiments, consider our findings and use graphs and charts to present them. We will consider why man-made objects and certain animals are shaped in certain ways to increase or decrease the effects of forces upon them. We will complete our studies by looking at levers, pulleys and gears, considering how these mechanisms enable a smaller force to have a greater effect.

French

In French, we are looking at writing and translating simple sentences about ourselves, our likes and dislikes and our homes.

PE

In PE, we will continue to improve our water confidence and swimming techniques in a range of swimming strokes. We will improve our understanding of water safety and improve our 'water stamina' ensuring we can swim at least 25m.