

Mysterious Mayans

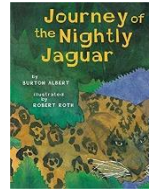
Year 4 Summer Term 2026

Key texts used this half term:

The Tiger and the Wiseman by Andrew Fusek Peters

Journey of the Nightly Jaguar by Bernard Albert

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry



The writing opportunities this term will include:

- Writing a story based on a story from a different culture, which contains a moral.
- Creating a poem based on the key text – Journey of the Nightly Jaguar.
- Producing a speech – Why should we not cut down the rainforest?
- Writing an explanation – Why should we not cut down the rainforest?



Within History, key learning will be:

- Why did the Mayan Empire grow to be successful?
- What was life like at the height of Mayan civilisation?
- How do we know about the Mayans?
- The decline of the Mayans



Within Geography, key learning will be based on:

- The Americas
- Use of 8-point compass in plotting a route
- Grid references to locate features on regional maps
- In depth study on Why rainforests are important and why they shouldn't be cut down.

Within Science, key learning will be based on:

- Digestive system in humans and teeth
- Food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey
- Living things and classification
- Recognise that as environments change, this sometimes can pose a risk to living things.



Within Maths we will be following the programmes of study from the National Curriculum.

Opportunities for applying mathematical skills including reasoning will be given throughout the maths learning.

The Art and Design Technology focus will be exploring Mayan Masks then designing, making and evaluating their own mask. In food technology they will be tasting and making Mayan Guacamole.

The Art and Computing curriculum will also include a unit of Photography and Photo Editing.



Other curriculum areas:

RE: Christianity –What is the Trinity & Why do Christians believe they are people on a mission? RE week will be learning about Sikhism – How do Sikhs put their beliefs about equality into practice?

RSHE: Changing me, Challenge yourself and online safety.

PE: Athletics, Rounders, Tennis and Outdoor and Adventurous Activities.

Computing: Databases and Editing photographs. In addition, a unit on Online safety – online reputation and cyberbullying.

MFL: Continuing to develop our French speaking and listening skills using Rigolo

Music: Creating simple melodies together & connecting notes and feelings.