



Yew Class Homework Menu

This term, we continue to set project homework alongside the Maths or English set each week. This menu details a range of fun activities including oracy activities that can be completed at home to extend your child's learning. Please help your child to choose and complete a selection of these activities. To fit in with your family life, they can be completed after school, at weekends or as a half term project. If you would like further suggestions, please feel free to select from the homework menus of other classes which are all available on the school Website. Children are asked to share at least one of the activities with us in school.

The deadline for this homework is Wednesday 16th June and we ask that the homework is not brought into class until after half term.



English

- Write a story in diary form detailing your expedition into the forests of Central America and your discovery of a ruined Maya city.
- Research and write a biography of either Frederick Catherwood or any other archaeologist who studied the Maya.
- Choose a poem or short piece of prose that you enjoy, learn it by heart and prepare a performance of it to give to the class.
- Design and make your own picture book that tells a story in illustrations rather than words.

Suggested Reading List

- Narrative poems eg "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" by Robert Browning or "Chocolate Cake" by Michael Rosen
- Stories that include portals into other worlds eg "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis
- Any non-fiction book about the Maya (try the local libraries)
- *Middle World (Jaguar Stones)* by J and P Voelkel

Science

- Investigate types of light bulbs in your home and the strength of light from each one.
- Create a light/dark silhouette show controlling light carefully. Record your show digitally. Add a simple story line linked to Maya/Hinduism.
- Create a timeline of Human life from pre birth to the end of life. How do humans age and change over time?

The Maya

History & Geography

- Produce a flick book animation of Maya people playing the Ball Game.
- Build a map or 3D model of a Maya city (real or imaginary).
- Research some of the foods we have got from the Maya and make a dish (or a whole feast!) to show off some of these ingredients.
- Create a timeline of the Maya Civilization showing key events.

Mathematics

- Can you create a maths problem or board game based on the Maya civilisation?
- Plan a budget for an expedition to South America. Use websites to find prices for flights, equipment etc.
- Make a powerpoint presentation showing how the Maya number system worked.

Art & DT

- Research Mayan art work and then make a relief carving in the same style.
- Find out about Frederick Catherwood then try sketching a local historic site "in the field" or try sketching a Maya site from a photograph.

Possible Family Trips & Visits (when possible)

- Cadbury World – find out about the links between the Maya and chocolate.
- The Cambridge Science Centre
- The British Museum – Maya collection
- Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology