

Year 5 Creative Home Learning

This half term we are learning about the ancient Maya, so we have set a creative home learning task linked to this civilisation. Some suggestions are given below, but you might have your own idea or area of interest you would like to explore. We have also added links on the Year 5 web page in the history section. This creative homework needs to be in school by **Wednesday 21st October** as this is when we will share them across the year group.

Creative writing (non-fiction)

Have a go at one of these writing ideas:

- 1) Choose an area of Maya life to research and create your own report. You might be interested in the gods, what the Maya wore or even their foods.
- 2) Write a news report about a pok-a-tok game. What action happened on the court? Who were the star players? Which team won and how?
- 3) Write a review of visiting Chichen Itza. What did you see there? Was it worth visiting? Try to make it sound exciting and add relevant detail.

Creative writing (fiction)

Have a go at one of these writing ideas:

- 1) Write a story about travelling back in time to visit the Maya civilisation. Perhaps you open a book and get transported back in time. Maybe it's a time machine that takes your character back in time. You could write it as a diary or journal extract.
- 2) Write a diary as an ancient Maya person. What do you do during your day? Try to include some historical details.
- 3) Write a comic strip set in the time of the Maya. You might want to involve some of the gods (like Pik playing Chac at pok-a-tok).

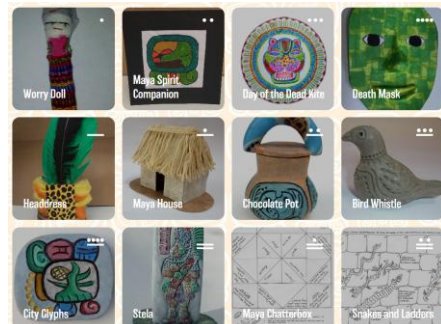
Be a historian

Look at some pictures of Maya artefacts. Draw some of the artefacts carefully and label them with details. Write next to them what each item is and what they show about life in the Maya civilisation.



Get crafty

There are lots of crafty ideas you can make for the Maya topic. Follow the link on the website for ideas. We don't expect anyone to buy items for this homework so try to use what you have at home.



Get artistic

The artist Dan Fenelon created colourful artwork inspired by Maya designs. Have a go at creating a picture of your own in a similar style.



Get building a Maya temple

Use what you have around the house to create a Maya temple. There are some ideas below.

