# St. Buryan Academy Termly Overview

# Reading/ Class Novel

Our class novel this term is 'Oh Maya Gods' by Maz Evans

This novel a sequel to Who Let the Gods Out? Which we read during our Ancient Greece unit. It will introduce a range of gods from ancient civilisations.



# **The Ancient Maya**

Class: Portheurno

Who were the Ancient Maya?

## **History**

In this unit we will study a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history and will focus on the Maya from Central America. We will explore what similarities and differences there are between the Maya civilisation and England from the 8th to the 10th century.

#### Geography

We will locate Central America in an atlas.

We will learn about sustainability and carry out some fieldwork based on this.

# **English**

This term our writing will start with a unit based on the fundamentals required to write coherently and cohesively. The Place Value of Punctuation & Grammar unit will cover nouns, verbs and sentence structure. The children will then apply their knowledge learnt in this unit to write a report on Maya gods and a letter based on the traditional tale of Hansel and Gretel.

We will then focus on tales from Maya folklore including The Hero Twins and use the picture book Rain Player.

# <u>RE:</u>

Why do Hindus try to be good?

Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?

**PSHE:** This term's focus will be:

Dreams and Goals – Aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding emotions that go with this.

Being Me in My World – Who am I and how do I fit?



### Maths

We will start this term with a unit on Place Value followed by addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

The rest of the term will be focussed on fractions including finding equivalents, simplifying fractions and calculating with them.

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Each lesson will have a 15 minute focus on arithmetic and rapid recall of times tables & number facts followed by an hour on the focus objective for the day including a range of fluency, problem solving and reasoning questions.

## **Science**

**Materials** – properties of materials, solutions and dissolving, reversible and irreversible changes.

**States of Matter -** solids, liquids and gasses, evaporation and condensation.

PE: Rugby, hockey and swimming.

Music: Using the online platform 'Charanga' with a focus on Musical Structures

<u>Computing:</u> Programming – using Microbits and Scratch.

Art/ DT: Art of the Maya civilisation - clay masks.

Food technology - Chocolate

**French:** Alphabet, days of week and months of the year. Spelling names and known words. Animals and pets. My pencil case, Numbers 0-31.