



Spring One in Year 4

English

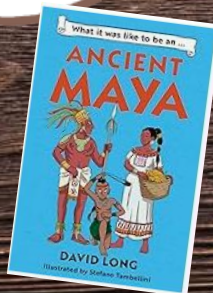
This term we will be looking at **narratives**, where we will be influenced by a video clip from 'The Day of the Dead'. We will re-create our own narrative based on this.

We will then use our knowledge of Ancient Maya and create instructions on **How to make chocolate**.

Year 4 will continue with **handwriting** practise, with a focus on joining letters.

Year 4 will have weekly **spellings** sent home and be quizzed on a Thursday.

We are reading...



This term we will be exploring Ancient Maya and read a book about what it is like to be an ancient Maya. We will explore the complex Maya civilization with their pyramids, maths and farming. We will cover their daily life and the mysterious decline of their cities.

Important Dates

Monday 5th January 2026 – Training Day – school is closed to the children.

Friday 6th February 2026 - Road Safety Training

Tuesday 10th February 2026 – Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February 2026 – Last day of school before half term

Science

Sound

This term we will be identifying how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating. They will recognise that vibrations from sound travel through a medium to the ear.

We will then use various equipment to explore volume. The children will plan and carry out various tests on their theory.

Maths

This term Year 4 will be learning about:

- **Multiplication and Division**
- **Length and Perimeter.**

Year 4 will practise their times tables daily, ready for the government times table check later in the year.

This half term's KIRF is the **7 times tables**. Children will be tested three times during the half term to ensure progress.



History

This term we will be learning about **Ancient Maya** and we will answer the question, 'How do Maya people exist today?' by focusing on;

- Ordering key events in ancient Maya timeline.
- Exploring the creation story
- Continuing to understand Maya beliefs – underworld and the Gods.
- Understand how the Maya number system works.
- Understand the Maya writing system and how words were constructed

Art

This term's focus is Surface and Colour. We will be exploring and drawing still life, looking closely at fruit. We will then create our own clay tiles, focusing on the texture, pattern and colours used.

Computing

Animation and Coding

This half term will be our physical computing sessions where we look at coding. We will also be celebrating Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 10th February 2026.

Music

During music this year, Year 4 will continue to learn how to play the **guitar** with Mr Fisher on a Wednesday morning.

French

This half term we will recap our phonic knowledge of French before translating **My Family**.

PE

PE day will be Tuesday and Friday.

On Tuesday we will be doing focusing on the words '**Strike, react, rally**.'

On Friday we will be going **swimming**. Please ensure children are in PE kit and bring their swimming kit with them into school.

R.E

Incarnation

The children will explore the question, "What is it like to be a Hindu in Britain today?"

- The children will explore Hindu beliefs and how people who follow this religion show their faith.

- They will look at the importance of some deities and Diwali.

PSHE

Keeping Safe and Managing Risk

This term we will look at Playing Safe

- We will look at the importance of being safe online, with a focus on media violence and gaming
- We will look about about keeping safe near roads, rail, water, building sites and around fireworks.
- We will look at basic first aid training.