

Oak Class Homework

Summer Term 2026



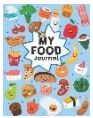
Meeting the Maya

Write an acrostic poem about the Maya era – use expanded noun phrases, prepositional phrases and figurative language to give your poem more detail!

Keep a food diary for a week.

Include:

- What you ate at mealtimes,
- Any snacks you had,
- Drawings,
- A daily evaluation of how healthily you ate based on the 'eat-well plate'.

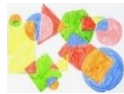


Maize was an important ingredient in the Maya era – follow the attached recipe to make corn tortillas. What other ingredients that Maya people harvested could you use as a filling in your tortillas?

Write a comparison paragraph, looking at the similarities and differences, between the Maya civilisation and another ancient civilisation of your choice!

*Create an A4 piece of artwork (using a medium of your choice – paint, pastels, colouring pencils, collage etc) utilizing only 2D shapes

How many different shapes can you fit onto one page?*



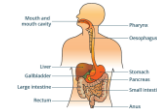
Complete the attached Maya crossword.

Research, design and make a Maya headdress!

You may choose to use papier mache or cardboard to make your headdress 3D.



Create a comic strip pretending you are a piece of food that has been eaten by a human – use the correct terminology, refer to the digestive system and explain what happens to food when it is inside our bodies!



*Investigation Station!

Devise and run a science experiment to answer the question 'how does exercise effect heart rate?'

Remember to include: the research question, a hypothesis, method, any equipment, the findings, an evaluation and a conclusion!*

Homework guidance for Children, Parents and Carers

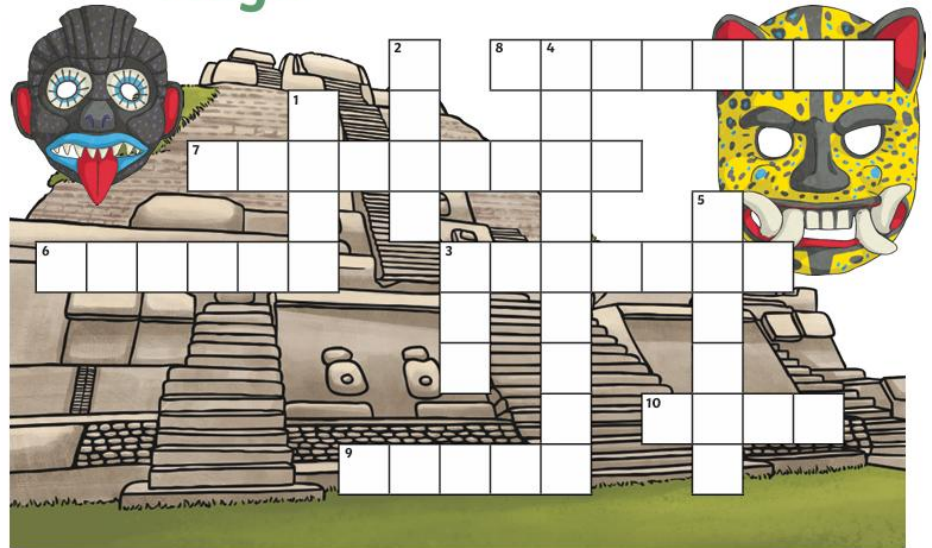
Alongside **daily reading** and spelling practise ready for Oak Class Spelling Test **every Friday**, throughout the next term you are asked to complete as many of the above activities as possible! The activities marked with an * are deemed compulsory, the others are recommended activities to further children's understanding, and deepen their engagement with, the current learning topic. We strongly encourage that any completed homework is brought into class to be acknowledged, and celebrated, with peers to promote a sense of pride and achievement within children. All homework completed will be monitored; children who complete all pieces of set homework throughout the term will be entered into a class prize draw!

As always, if you require any additional resources, please let us know and we will aim to provide these.
Thank you for your support.

Maya

Down

1	The Maya people worshipped over 150 _____. (4)
2	Maya event masks were made out of this material. (4)
3	Codices are books that have been made of the inner bark of these trees. (3)
4	Maya people were buried with a death mask, thought to protect the wearer on their journey to the _____. (9)
5	Maya gods were either a natural phenomenon, or took the form of a human or an _____. (6)



Across

6	The Maya people used a system of writing involving _____. (6)	3	The Maya people had two different calendars: one for religion and one for _____. (7)
7	They used a spicy, hot _____ drink in ceremonies and rituals. (9)	9	This crop was very important to the Maya people and their creation story. (5)
8	King Pakal was the ruler of this city. (8)	10	This precious stone symbolised the soul and was often used to make death masks. (4)

Maya Corn Tortillas

The ancient Maya people enjoyed making and eating delicious corn tortillas.

Ingredients (Makes 20)

150g of cornmeal (Masa Harina)
100g cold water
Pinch of salt
1 tablespoon of olive oil

Equipment

Large mixing bowl
Cling film
Rolling pin
Frying pan



Step 1. Mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl to form a dough.



Step 2. Divide the dough into 20 small balls. Return the balls to the bowl, cover with cling film and stand in the fridge for 10 minutes.



Step 3. Flatten the balls between your hands or roll into flat rounds to an approximate depth of 3mm.



Step 4. Cook the tortillas in a lightly oiled frying pan for approximately one minute each side over a high heat.



Step 5. Serve and enjoy!