

Art and Design -Year 5-Mayan Art

As part of the term's topic on the Mayan Civilization the children will explore ancient Maya art. The children will explore art works found from this era and discuss how they can create their own Mayan art work. They will explore clay and find different ways to make marks on their own sculptures.

In this unit children will:

- Have an opportunity to look at and explore ancient Mayan art.
- Collect images of Mayan art work and annotate it in their sketch books.
- Sketch out and annotate their own ideas for a Mayan sculpture.
- Create their own Mayan sculpture.
- Explore clay and different ways to mark make on clay.
- Evaluate their final pieces.



Prior Learning

EYFS Colour mixing, exploration with textures and combination of different media to create a new effect, exploring tools and techniques.

Year 2 -mixing

Year 3 Japanese art-Katsushika Hokusai-The Great Wave

Year 4 Year 6 photography.

ross Curricular Links

Topic Maya Civilisation

History Ancient Mayan Civilisation

Geography Mountains

Literacy Holes by Louis Sachar

Science

Key Questions

- Who were the Mayans?
- What media did they use?
- How do they create images on their 3d art works?
- Does all Mayan art work look the same?

- **Decorative** – some clay art works were for decorative use and others for more practical uses.
- **Clay** – A material used to create 3d works.
- **Clay Slip** – A watered down clay used to stick clay.
- **Motifs**-a decorative image or design. Often found repeated in one pattern.
- **Sculpture** – the Mayan's were most famo.s for their work in stone. A sculpture is a 3d piece of art.
- **Stela** – a large tall stone slab covered with carving and writing.
- **Carving**- mark making by scratching and cutting. The maya created a lot of detailed carvings into many different materials such as wood and jade.
- **Painting** – the maya painted murals on the walls of their buildings. The subjects varied daily life, mythology, battles to religious ceremonies.
- **Mural** -a painting executed directly onto a wall.
- **Herioglyphics** – writing consisting of images/pictures/symbols
- **Ceramics** -pots and other articles made from clay and hardened my heat.

Key Knowledge

- To be able to describe the style of Mayan art.
- To be able to describe how you can use clay to make a physical 3d piece of art.
- To know how to mark make into art.
- To know how to evaluate their own art work.