



# Humanities Week at Moorlands



October 2018



**The whole school enjoyed taking part in a special humanities themed week this week, studying lots of history and geography work linked to our topics.**

**The topics have included: the Romans; the Vikings; the Anglo Saxons and the Mayans.**

Year 3 have learnt about the Romans; looking at why they were so successful in conquering many countries, specifically the United Kingdom. This included researching the army and the warfare tactics they used. The children have also learnt about their way of living; the food they ate and the jobs they held and how they constructed Roman roads. This gave us the opportunity to investigate ruins using Google Earth. One of our favourite activities was making our own Roman shields which we have used when learning to march like a Roman soldier. We are all really proud of everything we have achieved this week and have all worked extremely hard whilst having lots of fun!

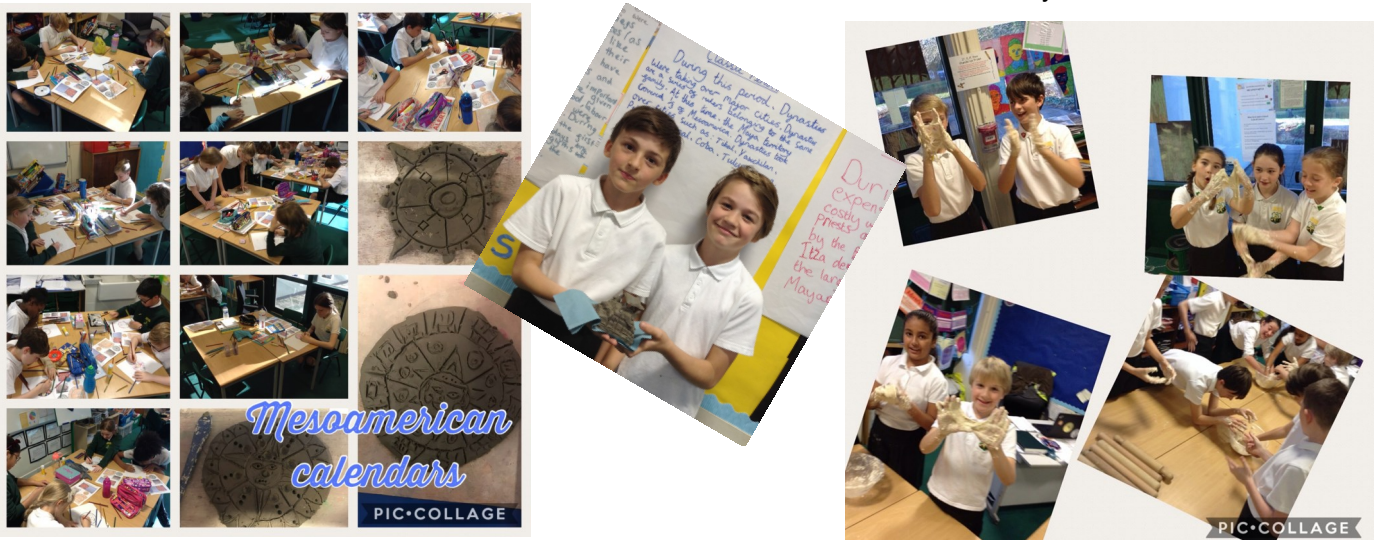
In Year 6 this week, we have been studying the ancient Mayan society. We started our research by locating the

area on a world map and naming the ancient cities. We delved through the Google Earth map to see the current ruins in Central America through the various states. We looked at Mayan artefacts and learnt about the meaning of the hieroglyphics— we even had a go at writing in them. We wrote a detailed account of the chronological timeline of the entire history of the Maya civilization, to current times.

Year 6 had great fun making and taste-testing tortillas food. Furthermore, we learnt about the important Mayan buildings and structures; which lead children to making replica Mayan Temples with clay.

As well as all this, Y6 have even found time to learn about the fascinating concept of the Mayan solar calendars and their detailed number system. Finally, the children experienced playing the traditional Mayan Mesoamerican ball game in PE.

Overall, children deepened their understanding of the Mayan civilization and how aspects of their culture still exists today.





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This week during Humanities week, year 5 have been looking at the Vikings. We have used maps to learn about the journey from Scandinavia to Lindisfarne, where the most famous Viking raid took place. Through role play, we got a feel for what it must have been like to live in Scandinavia and therefore reasons why the Vikings came over to Britain.

In addition to this, the children in Y5 have spent a day making Viking long ships in teams which have been a great success! They used their D&T skills such as measuring and sawing dowel, safely using a glue gun and assembling dowel into a boat structure. Everyone worked well as a team and the outcome was fantastic. Year 5 have also created posters of Viking Gods and designed their own mythical creature collage! It has been a brilliant week full of cross curricular learning and in-depth discussions.

In WN we have been learning all about the Anglo-Saxons. Our week kick-started with a fun day where we dressed up and immersed ourselves into the life of an Anglo-Saxon! During the rest of the week we have been learning all about Anglo-Saxon village life; looking at Anglo-Saxon Britain; studying events at Sutton Hoo and making Anglo-Saxon helmets. We even did a maths lesson using Anglo-Saxon runes!

Year 4 have also been learning about the Anglo Saxons. On Monday, we were fortunate enough to have two Anglo Saxon villagers in school, teaching the children about the Anglo Saxon era. Children learnt about woollen clothing, basic villages, battle formations and weapons.

Children also learnt about the different Anglo Saxon kings and how Modern Britain has changed due to the Anglo Saxons. We have enjoyed creating a timeline of the period and designing and making our own village.

