

Art home learning 11/05/20 - Year 3/4

This week, we would love it if you could design and make your own Mayan mask!

The Maya are famous for their textiles, pottery, carvings, stone sculptures, weaving, feather work, use of dyes, palaces and temples, wall murals, baskets, and their creatively scary pictures of their gods, both drawn and sculpted.

We have split the ideas into five different lessons, but we appreciate that five sessions may not be possible in all households. This is a guide only! Thank you so much for supporting your child with their home learning. We hope they enjoy this home project.

Lesson 1 – Today we would like you to research different ‘Mayan masks’

Use <https://www.alarms.org/kidrex/> for safe internet searches. Think about:

- The colour
- The pattern
- The size
- Which ones do you like?
- Which ones do you not like?

Lesson 2-

Masks played a central role in Maya culture and were made for a variety of occasions and purposes.

For example:

Event Mayan Masks - Were vibrant and colourful as they represented animals spirits.

Death Mayan Masks - Were made of the precious stone, Jade, as it symbolised the soul and was intended to protect the wearer on the journey to the afterlife

Today we would like you to find out more information about both of these masks, when would these masks be used?

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Lesson 3-

Now you have lots of information about these masks, today we would like you to draw 4 of your favourite masks so far.

Take your time and use your pencil lightly to sketch the mask, applying pressure to your pencil when you want to make a darker shade.

Think about the patterns and the detail on the mask.

(If you have coloured pencils you can use them after!)

Lesson 4-

Today we would like you to think about designing your own Mayan mask (using the ideas you have seen from others)

Think about:

- The colours of the mask (bright and bold or dark)
- The size of the mask
- The features (does it have anything attached to it?)
- The details and patterns of the mask

Take some time sketching out some ideas for your mask, take some time focusing on the patterns and detail that makes your mask unique!!

Lesson 5 –

Today we would like you to draw your Mayan mask! We would love to see pictures of your final design 😊

Extension: if you have the resources, why not make your mask

Resources

Useful websites:

BBC Bitesize

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Central-America/352936>

<https://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-central-america/>

<https://www.tripsavvy.com/weather-climate-seasons-in-central-america-4171487>































Mayan region

The Maya lived in the continent of North America in an area that is often referred to as Central America.

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