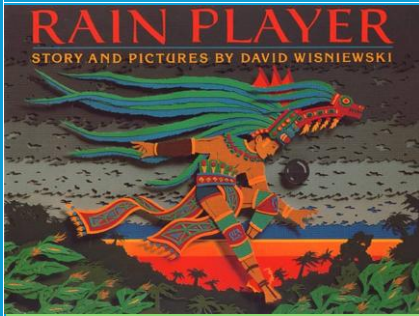
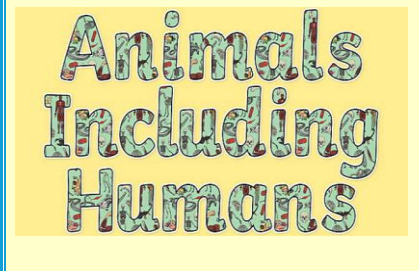


# What is happening in Beech Class in Term 5?



## English

This term we will be enjoying The Rain Player by David Wisniewski. The story is based on the ancient Mayan belief that the future was divinely decreed and could not be changed. This original tale of a boy who must defeat the Rain God in a ball game to save his people from disaster will be the inspiration for this term's writing. We will use this term's history knowledge to enrich our understanding of the story.



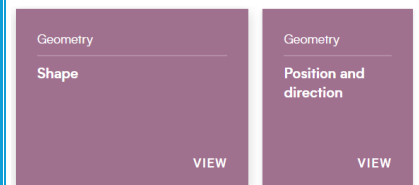
## Science

Our Science topic in Term 5 is 'Animals Including Humans'. During this unit of work, the children will learn about all the key topics that Year 5 pupils need to learn as part of the National Curriculum, including: the human timeline, the growth of babies, puberty in humans and animals, changes in old age and life expectancy.



## History

The children will be learning more about the history of the ancient Maya including where and when they lived, what made the civilisation so successful and what we can learn from the artifacts left behind. The trip to Kent Life will help us strengthen our learning!



## Maths

We will begin to explore our Geometry unit in Term 5. The children will be focusing on shapes, angles and translation of shapes!



## Art

The children will use different materials to create multimedia pieces of art!

## Geography

We will continue our earthquake unit, focusing on the movement of tectonic plates (large, moving slabs of Earth's crust) that create friction and release energy as seismic waves. Key concepts include the focus (origin underground) and epicentre (surface point), measured by the Richter scale.

### Key information:

- We have a school trip on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May to Kent Life for a workshop on the Maya Civilisation.
- The class will have the puberty talk on the afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> of May (details to follow).

