

## Who were the Maya and what can we learn from them?

### History - Term 1 Topic

This exciting topic will provide an interesting insight into the lifestyle and culture of the Ancient Maya. We will be developing enquiry skills by comparing different versions of an important historical event and posing and answering our own historical questions on this fascinating civilisation, reflecting on what we can learn from it. Our **home learning project** is to research an aspect of the Maya and, through your chosen method, present what you have found out.



### ICT & Computing

We will be looking at Microsoft Excel and spreadsheets. The children will learn how to enter text and numbers into a spreadsheet, identify and refer to cells by row and column and begin to enter formulae with the SUM function.

### Science Topics

#### Get Sorted - Materials

The children will categorise different materials according to their properties and make comparisons of similar materials by creating hypothesis and testing. At the end of the topic they will understand each material's suitability for its purpose.

#### Light up your World

The children will test how light travels and reflects, understand how shadows are formed and experiment to find out why shadows change.

### Maths

We will be continuing to improve on our CLIC and Learn It scores through daily practice. We will also develop the children's confidence in dealing with number and the four operations through progressive teaching of fluency, reasoning and then solving problems.

### Literacy

The children will enjoy the opportunity to explore a range of texts from the Mayan culture. They will identify key features and language. This term the children also have the opportunity to be a detective as they create their own mystery story based on an episode of Scooby Doo.

### RE

The children will be learning about different biblical texts and making links to Christian ideas of God. They will gain a deeper understanding of why Christians think God is worth worshipping and how they put their beliefs into practice.

## Is fair-trade really fair?



### Geography - Term 2 Topic

Staying in the Americas, our next topic will enable us to explore some important issues which are regularly highlighted in the news. Through this topic, we will continue to develop our map skills and investigate and compare the physical and human features of Brazil.

### PE

We will be focusing on skills and tactics required for Invasion Games. Carroll and Defoe will be creating, practising and refining sequences in gymnastics, while Lewis class will be swimming.

### Design & Technology

We will be designing and creating bags using Fairtrade fabric. The children will learn how to hem edges and stitch in a variety of ways.

### Music

We will be getting into the swing of Samba, experimenting with a range of rhythmic patterns and learning about the conventions of Samba music using instruments, to produce a collaborative grand finale performance.

### PHSE

New Beginnings - as we settle into new classes, we will be establishing personal goals and targets.

### You can help your child by:

Making sure they read regularly; helping them to learn their spellings & tables and CLIC tasks; encouraging them to complete their homework in the time given. Please make sure your child has appropriate PE kit, including a pair of trainers for work outdoors. Ensure your child has their PE kit and water bottle in school every day.