

## Who were the Maya and what did 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 based skills by comparing different versions of an important historical event, posing and answering our own historical questions on this fascinating civilisation and 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

We will be refining research skills. The children will be using a search engine to answer specific questions. The results of their research will then be transferred into a PowerPoint, which they will be animating and making use of the appropriate design features.

### Art

We will be developing the children's drawing skills by looking at shading, line and tone. This will be developed on to looking at perspective.

### 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

We will be exploring a range of Roald Dahl texts to celebrate what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. They will immerse themselves in stories from other cultures, identifying key features and language. This term will also provide the chance for the children to be roving reporters, analysing and using the features of newspaper reports. They will finish by writing mystery stories.

### 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.

## 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.

### 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.

### 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, whilst Lewis class will be swimming.

### PHSE

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

### R.E

#### Where did the Christian bible come from?

The children will learn about the history of the bible and become familiar with several stories, reflecting on how they influence our everyday life and actions.

### 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.