

Our Main topic for the first half of the Autumn term is 'The Marvellous Maya'. This is a very exciting topic and we will be linking as many of the different curriculum areas to it as we can. The main focus of these topic lessons will be history and geography, looking at how we can find out about the past, what questions we would like answered, how South America differs from the UK and safe ways to research information.

**Writing:** We will be creating persuasive texts in the form of fun holiday brochures, informing people of the amazing variety of terrain in central and South America, inspiring people to visit the amazing archaeological sites and the stunning scenery of the Mayan Riviera. We shall learn to put forward a balanced argument and write instructional texts for creating our own Mayan mask.

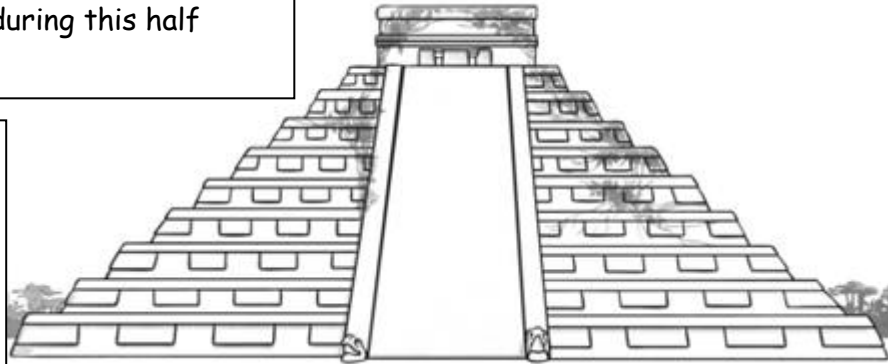
We will continue to teach whole class reading skills using the VIPERS method to focus on a key skill each week. We will reward reading at home as this significantly improves reading skills more than any other method.

**Maths:** We will look in detail at place value, practising reading and writing numbers to 6 digit numbers and have fun exploring the Mayan number system. We will explore rounding numbers to the nearest whole number, 10, 100, 1000 and 10,000, and explore how this can help us check answers to questions. We will continue to build fluency with mental arithmetic and consolidate formal written methods of addition and subtraction including decimal numbers. We will continue to practise the rapid recall of multiplication facts and begin exploring column multiplication in larger numbers and use short division to solve 4 digit numbers divided by single digit numbers.

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**Computing:** We shall focus on online safety and the responsible use of the internet during this half term.

In art and D&T we will have fun researching, planning, designing and creating a Mayan mask to wow our contemporaries!



**Science:** We will be exploring the properties of materials throughout the term, with a focus on states of matter and children designing fair experiments and developing their ability to draw scientific conclusions.

In PSHE we will focus on what makes a community.

In PE gymnastics we will develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance on floor mats, in partners and using apparatus. We will be developing athletics skills in outdoor P.E. Please ensure you have an outdoor and indoor kit (as baggy joggers cannot be worn on apparatus and warm clothing is advisable for outdoor P.E).

In R.E. we will explore the theme of 'Life changing experiences for the founders of religions', looking at how religions were formed, by whom, and for what reasons.