

MARVELLOUS MAYANS!



Topic Overview:

This term the topic is history based with the focus on the Mayans. As part of their study on this ancient Mayan civilisation, the children will have the chance to explore the amazing city states that they created in the rainforest and compare their pyramids to that of the Ancient Egyptians.

In French, the children will learn about other countries around the globe that speak French. They will also learn about the currencies, flags, cultural celebrations and traditions of those countries.



As a **HISTORIAN**, children will place key historical events and periods on a chronological framework, identifying the main period of the ancient Mayan Civilisation. They will learn about how Mayan society was structured and also the many different Gods that they worshiped. They will be fascinated by the use of sacrifice in Mayan religion. The children will also learn about the most famous Mayan king - King Pakal. They will complete their study by looking at different theories on the decline of the Mayan civilisation.



As a **SCIENTIST**, the children will be working on 'light' – this will include how we see, how light travels, making a periscope and an investigation into how a prism changes a ray of light to show the spectrum.



SMSC and RE Links:

In RE, the children will begin by looking at inspirational people and identify people who inspire both themselves and people of other religions. They will also have the chance to learn about different religion's beliefs in life after death.

In SMSC, this term the children will focus on different types of relationships. They will learn the importance of surrounding themselves with healthy relationships built on trust and respect and what to do if they are in an unhealthy relationship.

As a **DESIGNER** the children will be focussing on food technology this half term. They will learn how to safely cook rice and then look at adapting this simple dish to create dishes from around the world. They will be taught basic kitchen skills and how to use tools and equipment safely.



As a **DIGITAL USER**, the children will be introduced to the creation of websites for a chosen purpose. They will identify what makes a good web page and use this information to design and evaluate their own website. After half term the children will have the opportunity to bring together all of their programming skills and utilise a device – the micro:bit.

P.E. – MONDAY.

Please can you ensure your child has both the correct indoor and outdoor PE kit within school at ALL times. After half term, Year 6 will be taking part in 'Yoga' on Tuesday mornings.

As a **WRITER**, the children will be writing a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. This will include writing through our study of Louis Sachar's 'Holes'.



As a **MUSICIAN**, the children will be listening to and appraising music by inspirational women artists and will be composing and performing their own music based on 'identity' before evaluating.

Important Dates:

SATs: Monday 13th May 2024 – Thursday 16th May 2024.
Year 6 Leavers' Production: Thursday 18th July 2024.

As a **GEOGRAPHER**, the children will develop their skills in map work and have the chance to study and carry out fieldwork in their local area using Ordnance Survey maps.



Chess returns to Year 6 on a Thursday afternoon. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children to become critical thinkers as well as developing their problem-solving skills and decision-making abilities.

