

## The Mayan Civilisation and Earth in Space



<b>English</b>	<p>*This half term the children will be writing a suspense story with a flashback. They will develop their ability to be descriptive and their knowledge of speech punctuation. They will also consolidate their use of ISPACE sentence openers.</p> <p>* In reading, the children are focussing on Michael Morpurgo's, 'I Believe in Unicorns'. They will develop their understanding of inference and spend time discussing and extending their opinions of the text.</p>
<b>Maths</b>	The sole focus of this half term is to consolidate and extend children's understanding of the number system, beginning with place value. The children will consolidate the different calculations used for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will be expected to use the column method for long multiplication.
<b>Science</b>	Children will carry out a number of activities to help them understand how the earth and other planets mover relative to the sun, Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth and understand that the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies. They will explore the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.
<b>Computing</b>	This half term we will be start by looking at internet safety and the importance of being safe on the internet. The children will be provided with their email address and learn how to use google docs and share work with their class.
<b>History</b>	In the topic the children will be learning about the Ancient Maya. Through this topic, the children will gain understanding of the Maya people; their customs, achievements, religion and other significant events. They will use pictures, artefacts and writing to help them draw conclusions and form opinions. They will identify some changes across time and construct arguments about the past. They will present their ideas in different ways.
<b>Geography</b>	During our topic on the Ancient Maya, children will also use their geographical skills to locate countries, cities and significant landmarks on maps.
<b>Physical Education</b>	<p><u>Games</u>: The children will be learning skills and rules for playing dodgeball as well as experiencing other invasion games.</p> <p><u>Gymnastics</u>: The children will be learning about using their bodies to make 'bridges'. They will do this individually, collaboratively and using different apparatus.</p>
<b>Art and Design</b>	This half term the children will design and create a Maya mask based on research and will produce art based on the Maya alphabet. They will use the grid method to sketch a Maya building.
<b>Design and Technology</b>	Not covered this term
<b>Music</b>	This half term will focus on rock music. They will discuss and appraise various songs such as Jon Bon Jovi's, 'Living on a Prayer' and will use glockenspiels and percussion instruments to improvise music to accompany them as they sing.
<b>Religious Education</b>	The children will be learning about the bible and the different parts of the bible. They will then begin to look at what a pilgrimage is, in preparation for their trip to Worcestershire Cathedral.
<b>PSHE</b>	Weekly whole school assembly themes (see assembly themes) and relevant whole class THRIVE activities. The children will be learning about how their actions can impact on others and will be challenged to work on being more helpful at home.
<b>Spanish (KS2 only)</b>	The children will revise the Spanish taught last year and will work on their ability to discuss the features of a high street. They will learn how to ask if there is a particular shop nearby as well as responding appropriately to the question.