



**The Mayans**

<p><b>Overview of Our Topic:</b> This half term, we will be continuing to explore the ancient Mayan culture, including the celebration of the Day of the Dead, which still takes place in Mexico today! We will also be exploring the history of chocolate, as Mayans believed it was a gift from God. We are looking forward to a great half term of exploration and chocolate!</p>		
<p><b>Vocabulary.</b> These are words that we will still be using in our learning. To help the children learn these new words, please have some fun using the words at home in different contexts. <i>monument, temple, ocelot, pyramid, warrior, codices, calendar, astronomy, stelae, hieroglyphics, maize, priest, homo sapiens &amp; Mesoamerica.</i></p>		
<p><b>English</b> This half term, the children will be submitting their votes for the Hampshire Information Book awards &amp; will explore an Ancient Mayan Myth which we will use to create our very own mythical story!</p>	<p><b>Science</b> Our topic continues to be Electricity. We will be investigating the effect that switches have on circuits and what makes an effective insulator and conductor.</p>	
<p><b>Maths</b> This half term we will be securing our place value understanding and developing our methods for the four rules. We will also continue to explore measure, shape and fractions.</p>	<p><b>Music</b> This half term, we will be learning how to sing 'Livin' on a prayer' through our school music platform, Charanga.</p>	
<p><b>History</b> Within our history lessons this half term, we will be learning about ancient Mayan writing and Maths, Mayan Gods and the legacy that the Mayans have left behind. We will also be considering why we think the Mayan Civilisation collapsed.</p>	<p><b>Art &amp; DT</b> This term we will be investigating the Mexican 'Day of the Dead'/'Dia de los Muertos'. We will also be taking part in a competition to create a brand new flavour of chocolate on a budget!</p>	
<p><b>Computing</b> This half term, the children will be developing their internet safety skills, before being able to safely use their own school email addresses.</p>	<p><b>PE (Monday and Tuesday PM)</b> This half term, the children will be learning and developing their tennis skills alongside swimming on a Friday! Please make sure kits are in school!</p>	
<p><b>PSHE</b> We will be exploring how we grow and change into adulthood.</p>	<p><b>RE</b> This half term we will be looking at the concept of sacrifice in the run up to Easter.</p>	<p><b>MFL</b> In French this term, the children will be learning about <i>Vive le sport (Our sporting lives)</i></p>