

### **History and Geography**

We will be learning about The Maya Civilization. We will learn about various aspects of Maya culture including: religion, food, the number system, sports and buildings. We will investigate where the Maya people lived and look at the climate and landscape of this area. We will use Chichen Itza as a case study to help us understand more about Maya life.

### **Maths:**

This term we will be focusing on number and measurement skills. We will start by looking at decimals and percentages. The children will need to feel comfortable rounding numbers to 1 or 2 decimal places and multiplying and dividing decimals by whole numbers. The children will be learning how to calculate percentages of amounts and calculating percentage increases. We will then move on to looking at measurements and converting between different units of measure. After this, we will learn how to find the area and perimeter of a range of different 2D shapes and the volume of cubes and cuboids.

### **ICT**

This term we will be developing our coding skills. We will be looking at using variables in ways that are more complex and learning about inputs and outputs. The children will work towards creating their own app.

### **English**

We will start the term by focusing on narrative writing. The children will look at how to create action in their stories and build suspense to keep the reader engaged. They will work towards writing their own quest, set during the Maya period.

After this, we will begin our non-fiction topic: discussion writing. We will use the book, 'The Great Kapok Tree' to help us discuss deforestation.



### **The Maya Kestrels Spring Term**

#### **Art**

In Art, we will be learning about the importance of perspective. The children will learn how to give depth and distance to their drawings. They will take inspiration from street artists who create illusions through their art and they will create a landscape that appears to disappear into the distance.

#### **Music**

In Music, we will be exploring melody and lyrics. They will write and perform their own songs.

### **Science**

Our topic this half term will be 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will be learning about how different creatures are classified. The children will begin to understand the different characteristics of different animal groups and will be able to classify familiar and unfamiliar animals correctly.

### **PE**

In PE, our first topic will be Invasion Games. We will be playing a variety of 'Capture the Flag' style games to help children develop their teamwork and tactics.

### **French**

This term the children will be learning how to talk about their home in more detail. They will learn new vocabulary, which will allow them to speak about their house and home. They will also be developing their French reading and writing skills.

### **Homework and Spellings**

Spellings will come home on a Monday and be tested the following Monday. Maths homework will be given out on Friday and will be due the following Tuesday. English homework will be set on Tuesday and will be due the following Friday.