



### Learning question: Who were The Maya?

**Key areas of learning:** In History this term we will be learning all about the ancient Mayan civilization, it's location within the world and how Mayan territory was organized into city states. We will explore what typical daily life was like for this group of indigenous people, as well as learning about religious beliefs and practices and how these were performed. The early origins of writing and maths will be explored as well as how the Maya used astrology in every day life. Within this unit we will also investigate what happened to the lost cities, as well as the loss of the Maya population themselves.

#### English:

As writers, we will be developing our writing skills of Years 5&6 and applying these to our non-fiction unit of information texts. New features of grammar such as hyphens, colons and semi-colons, as well as refining the use of sub-headings, bullet points, captions and diagrams.

#### Mathematics:

As mathematicians, we will be investigating fractions, using concrete, pictorial and abstract methods. We will be simplifying fractions and using all four operations to solve fraction calculations.

#### Science:

As scientists this term, we will be exploring electricity and its uses and effects on the world. We will also be learning about electrical symbols and how to create our own electrical circuit using a variety of components.

#### Curriculum enrichment:

Bikability cycling proficiency will cover level 1 and 2. Children will learn how to ride safely on streets and enjoy an opportunity to do this practically. The gift of Giving this term will focus on giving back to our local community.

#### Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural (SMSC):

Our PHSE learning this term will be focussed on keeping ourselves safe online and manage relationships both in the on and offline world.

#### How can you help at home?

Please read **WITH** your child every day and discuss the books. Questioning is the key to good progress in reading. Children will have weekly homework tasks in addition to tasks on electronic programs. Please also encourage your children to get outside and enjoy outdoor experiences!