

# Achilles Class - Mayan Civilization Curriculum Map

## Literacy

Our Literacy (post SAT's) will focus upon 'The Curse of the Maya' by Johnny Pearce and Andy Lundergan. This gripping tale of twin twelve-year-olds, Verity and Ethan, who travel to Guatemala with their father, is packed full of archaeological intrigue. Whilst excavating a newly found Maya city, an ancient mask is discovered. Is the mask the cause of the end of the Maya civilisation, or is something more underhand going on?

As well as this, we will have a debate about whether children really need mobile phones, then write a discursive text, considering both points of view and a report on the Mayans. Guided reading, daily spelling attack sessions and designated grammar and punctuation lessons will continue in preparation for the Y6 SAT's taking place 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May and Y5 end of year assessments, which will take place in mid-June.

## Science

Our focus for Science this term will be on animals including humans; we will explore the life cycle of a human being and investigate the changes human beings experience as they develop to old age. We will link this unit to living things and habitats, in which we will describe how plants reproduce and compare and contrast life cycles of plants, mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We will complete a habitat walk around the academy. Finally, we will look at animals including humans, incorporating reproduction.

## General Information

- P.E kit will be required on a Tuesday and a Wednesday.
- Reading records need to be handed in on a Monday morning. A minimum of three reads per week is expected.
- Y6 pupils will continue to complete their revision guides until after SAT's.

## Residential Visits

Y5 and Y6 residential visits take place this term.

Y5 PGL – 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Y6 Robin Hoods Bay – 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Numeracy

The beginning of this term will focus on preparation for the SAT's and revising various topics. We will be looking at: ratio, measures, bar and pie charts and basic algebra. During our daily arithmetic sessions, we will be focusing on finding percentages of numbers, BODMAS and recapping on the four operations. This term, we will also complete some open-ended investigational work, as well as recapping on the bar modelling method for solving problems.

## Mayan Civilization

Our topic for the Summer Term is the Mayan Civilization. We owe a lot to this civilisation, as they were the first to cultivate chocolate! We will start our exploration by putting our Geography skills to good use by locating where they once lived and explore different climate zones and biomes associated with these areas. We will then continue our learning through examining how they developed their own number system, calendar and writing system and looking at Mayan Gods. Pupils will use research skills to compare and contrast how the Mayans live with how we live today. To finish our topic, we will work on creating some of the fantastic artistic pieces the Ancient Maya created such as, masks and Mexican mirrors. Finally, we will produce Mayan 'glyphs' with different materials/ textiles. A trip will be planned for this term – more details to