



# Mysterious Maya



Dear Parents/Carers,  
Welcome back, we hope you've had a nice break over the October Half Term.  
In our new topic we will be taking on the role of archaeologists, learning about the ancient Maya Civilisation.

**OUR DRIVING QUESTION:**  
How can we, as archaeologists, find out what happened to the Maya?

**AS READERS:** We will be reading the book: The Hero Twins by Dan Jolley and David Witt. This will help us to understand Maya Myths and their key sport (Pok-Ta-Pok).

**AS MATHEMATICIANS:**  
We will be reinforcing our understanding of multiplication and division. We will also be studying the topic of measurement where we will be learning about area and perimeter.

**AS WRITERS:** We will be learning about informative writing which will be based on The Tale of Three Brothers.

**AS HISTORIANS:** We will be studying the Maya Civilisation where we will discover key facts from the ancient Maya, learn about religion and Gods as well as the Maya number system.

**AS COMPUTER SCIENTISTS:** We will be studying the topic of Online Relationships, where we will learn about: how to stay safe online, our responsibilities for the wellbeing of others and ways of reporting problems.

**AS CITIZENS:** We will be celebrating the differences of others. We will be learning about culture and race as well as learning about types of direct and indirect bullying.

**AS ENGINEERS:**  
we will be learning about structures and frames which will be applied to Mayan Pyramids

**AS ATHLETES:** we will continue to improve our co-ordination and accuracy in invasion games, We will also be developing our skills further in gymnastics.

**YEAR 5 AUTUMN  
TERM 2**

**WEEKLY HOME LEARNING:**

- Reading
- Lexia
- Spelling Shed
- Purple Mash
- TTRockstars

Please ask your class teacher if you need assistance with usernames/passwords.

**HOME LEARNING TOPIC PROJECT:**

Please try to create a fact file the Maya Civilisation or a creative structure to symbolise the Maya Pyramids.  
**Deadline: Friday 18th December 2020**

**KEY VOCABULARY:**

Maya  
Mayan  
Civilisation  
Archaeologists  
Hieroglyphs  
South America  
Settlement  
Pok-Ta-Pok

If you are unable to access a device or unable to complete the home learning there will be a home learning club for your child to attend at lunch time.