



Lion Class – This half-term our topic is **Meet the Maya**

Science – In Science this half-term we will continue our learning from the previous half-term based on rocks, fossils and soils. We will deepen our understanding and also improve our scientific skills by completing scientific investigations based around them.

French – This half-term we will begin learning basics in speaking French such as the number system, colours, everyday greetings, introducing yourself and saying your age.

History – This half-term we will be studying the ancient Maya and comparing them to modern life in Central America. We will look into the everyday life, religion, writing, farming and trade of the ancient Maya. We will study how they lived and how this differs from modern Maya.

Art – In art we will look into creating our own masks and headdresses. We will research Maya masks and headdresses as well as those of other cultures and use them as inspiration to create our own with papier maché techniques.

Computing – In computing we will be learning how to create storyboards and turn them into short animated films using a creation and editing software.

Maths – In maths this half-term will begin working on skills in measurement such as converting units and finding the perimeter and area of shapes. We will then move on to geometry and work on describing and classifying shapes using their properties.

P.E. – P.E. is on a Tuesday this half-term but please make sure that children have their P.E. kits in school all week in case this changes occasionally. The session will be run by a coach from the Set Your Sights team and they will be doing basketball. **Swimming** will be every Thursday with the aim of children learning to swim 25 metres, unaided, by the end of year 4. Swimming kit should include a swimming costume (not loose shorts for boys), a towel and a swimming hat. It is also advised that children come to school with their hair tied up if necessary and any jewellery already removed.

Literacy – In Literacy this half-term we will begin by looking at a variety of riddle poems and understanding their features before attempting to create our own; one revealing an animal or an object and one revealing a person.

We will then move on to focus on descriptive storytelling. We will be using a short animated film called *Alma* to inspire our writing. We will look at the structure and basic plot of the story to understand it well before focussing on describing a scene in detail in order to create a mood and develop the interest and understanding of the reader.

Guided Reading – Guided Reading will be held once a week and will aim to improve a variety of skills in order to improve reading and comprehension skills. This half-term will practice skills such as making inferences, making predictions, visualisation, recognising key words and retrieving key information.

R.E. – This year the theme in RE is 'Belonging'. For this half-term we will be focussing on the religion of Hinduism and will be asking the question 'How and why do Hindus worship?'