

**Computing** Our main focus is coding, using Purple Mash. We will learn the skills needed, including conditional statements and variables, to program our own simple playable game. We will continue our online safety discussions, including healthy screen habits.

**English** This half term we will write a non-chronological report about various aspects of Maya civilisation. This will involve using techniques such as paragraphing, writing in a formal tone, note-taking, learning new sentence types and using more advanced conjunctions.

**Maths** We will continue with multiplication and division, moving from mental to written methods and relating this to real life with word problems. We will also practise Arithmetic and Times Tables weekly. Please can we ask for your support in practising times tables at home.

### Music—Ukelele

We are delighted to welcome back Mr Haslam with his expert and engaging ukelele tuition on a Monday.

## a civilisation lost

### Important dates

Year 4 residential meeting (IN PERSON) Monday 15th January at 5pm

Norris Bank Big Mystery— w/b 5th February.

**Home learning** Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated. Children should aim to complete six tasks from the homework grid. Spelling tests will continue on Tuesdays. Please continue to encourage your child to read at least four times each week, independently or with an adult. Please remind your child to keep their reading book in their bag every day.

**Sports** On Monday, we have outdoor games and on Thursday, we have Indoor PE. Please make sure your child has the correct kit on these days, and trainers every day.

**Creative Curriculum** Our main focus this half term will be improving and practising the key historical skills of enquiry and interpretation, based on the whole school theme: "The Big Mystery". We will explore Maya artefacts, using these to guide our understanding of Maya food, gods, fashion and other areas of their civilisation.

This half term is also a very creative one, with DT and art lessons, all inspired by Maya life and art. We will be producing hot chocolate packaging, learning to weave, creating yarn artwork and printing Maya-inspired images!

**PSHE** Our first aid topics will help us learn how to help a peer with a head injury. We will also discover what a community is, the groups that make up a community and how people can help their community and show compassion. We will also discuss race related bullying and road safety.