

Dear Year 4 parents

Welcome back. For this next half-term of Year 4, our focus moves across to Central America and back to the time of The Maya. We begin with the hook of 'Dia de los muertos' and end by designing packaging for a chocolaa treat.

Dates for your diary

School reopens and swimming resumes: **Tue Oct 29th**

Parents' Evenings: **Mon 4th and Thu 7th Nov**

Odd socks for Anti-bullying week: **Tue 12th Nov**

Children in Need: **Fri 15th Nov**

Non-uniform / Chocolate for Fair: **Fri 22nd Nov**

Cinema Trip: **Tue 26th Nov**

Non-uniform / Bottle for Fair and Christmas Fair: **Fri 29nd Nov**

Christmas Lunch / Christmas jumper: **Fri 6th Dec**

Lower KS2 Christmas Concert: **Tue 17th Dec**

Y4 Christmas Party / School closes: **Thu 19th Dec**

Mathematics

The focus in autumn 2 shifts to multiplication and division with the children being introduced to short multiplication, e.g. 42

$$\begin{array}{r} X \quad \underline{\quad} 8 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\quad} 336 \end{array}$$

Children will continue to build times table and division fact fluency ahead of the tables check.

Art / Design Technology

Children will take apart some commercial confectionary packaging to see how nets are used to create boxes. They will then design and make their own packaging for a new chocolate product.

A Civilization Lost



History

Children will be studying the Ancient Maya and the rise and fall of this civilization in present day Central America.

The children will also understand how The Ancient Maya are placed chronologically alongside other civilizations they have studied from Europe and Asia with the history topics that they studied in Year 3.

English

The children will be revisiting the features of non-fiction books and texts (such as diagrams, captions, title/heading, index, glossary and contents) that they were introduced to in Year 3. They will then write a report of their own on The Maya.

Computing

Children continue using Gibbon as they code for their Greek game before using IT to create a Google Slides presentation about an aspect of The Mayan Civilization.

Spanish

Children will be expressing likes and dislikes using me gusta and no me gusta as well as learning the names of fruit, vegetables and items of clothing.

Science

Animals including humans becomes the science focus with the children looking at dentition in carnivorous, omnivorous and herbivorous animals. They will then look at their own teeth and importantly, dental hygiene. Finally they will understand how food is digested inside their own bodies to provide them with energy and essential nutrients.