



**Apple Class  
Year 4 and 5  
Spring Term 2018**

## **Creative Curriculum Focus: History**

This term, we will be investigating the life of the Maya Civilisation. At the beginning of the unit, we will explore who the Maya were, including where they lived and their social structure. Following this, we will explore their religious beliefs, including the many Gods they worshipped and the gory sacrifices that they made. We will then look at the impressive ideas that the Maya had, including the use of 0 in the number system and the discovery of cocoa beans. In addition to this, we will be exploring Earth and Space (just like the Maya astrologers did) and using their visual words to create block printed codices.

### **English:**

This term, we will be listening to and writing our own Maya myths. After half term, we will be exploring persuasive and discussion texts, looking at the use of formal language. In SPaG, we will focus on using challenging sentence structures, including using relative and subordinate clauses. We will also be using punctuation for parenthesis.

# Maya Mayhem



### **Mathematics:**

This term, the children will be developing their understanding of fractions, including ordering and comparing fractions and relating them to decimals. We will also be looking at measurements, including converting between metric units using our understanding of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

### **Religious Education:**

During the Spring Term, we will be trying to answer the question: Do Murtis help Hindus understand God? We will also be exploring other religions' symbols of God.

### **PSHCE:**

With Miss Mansfield, Apple Class will be exploring what 'Growth Mindset' is. We will also be reflecting on our school values, focusing on resilience and generosity.

### **Physical Education:**

This term, the children will be refining their swimming techniques. They will also be developing their understanding of tag rugby with our sports coach.

### **Computing:**

This term, we will be exploring what augmented reality is before creating our own interactive display. After half term, we will be creating our own stop-start animations.