

# Jupiter Class- Autumn 2 Newsletter

## History

In our history topic this half term, we will be learning about the Ancient Mayan Civilisation. This will involve learning about their way of life, jobs, food, number systems, masks, Mayan gods, where they lived and so much more!



We will also be going on a trip to Cadbury World on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Children to be in school for 8.15.** We will go on a tour of Cadbury World, which features the Maya's involvement in the early history of cocoa in c.AD 900.

## Art

In Art we will design and make our own Mayan masks. This will involve using a range of materials to make and cover the masks. Keep an eye on our class page for photos of the process!



## D.T.



In DT we will be making cushions! This will involve designing the cushions and making them throughout a week-long project. The children will make a cushion of their choice and be able to keep it.

## English

Across the half term, we will be reading a range of texts. During our class read, we will finish reading the explorer and then, we will be reading The Chocolate Tree – linking to our Topic the Mayans.. The children will complete a weekly comprehension to work on our written comprehension skills and ability to answer questions about a text. We will also continue to have Whole Class Reading sessions. This involves using the VIPERS to answer questions about a text we are reading. In writing, we will be writing a narrative, focusing on a portal story; instructions on how to make a cushion and finally reviewing Christmas adverts.

## Maths

In Maths, we will be continuing to build our skills in Multiplication and Division and begin to look at Fractions. In Fractions we will be covering a range of areas, such as: equivalent fractions, converting fractions, comparing fractions, adding, and subtracting fractions and consolidating all of our learning so far this year.

## Science

We will be continuing our topic 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. This half term we will be covering more areas of knowledge and making predictions about materials and their properties, then checking our predictions through investigations.

## Other Subjects

- **Forest Schools** – The groups will swap this half term. Children who are in forest school will need to bring a change of clothes and suitable outdoor shoes.
- **Computing** – In Computing the children will learn about film making, then they will have a go at filming their own Christmas advert.
- In **R.E.**, the children will be investigating the question 'What matters most to Christians and Humanists?'
- **P.S.H.E**, this half term, will focus on the TEAM topic. (Together, everyone achieves more)
- Mrs. Schumann will continue to teach **French** on a Wednesday afternoon.
- Mr. Samuel will be teaching **P.E.** this half term, on a Thursday. This will require the children to bring their P.E kits to get changed into.

## Weekly Routines

- **P.E.** – We will be doing Fitness this half term. P.E. will be on a Thursday Morning and a Friday Afternoon.
- **Spelling Tests** – The spelling tests will continue to be on a Thursday morning.
- **Homework**- Homework will be handed out on a Wednesday and collected in on a Monday.
- **Reading Journals** – Reading journals will be collected in on a Thursday to be checked.

If you ever have any questions, I am always available at drop off in the morning, or on the playground at the end of the school day. You can also get in touch via the school office (julie.carter@littleaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471)