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Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning in Class Dove Spring 2026
The Maya – Creators and Creations

Happy New Year and welcome back!

We have a busy and exciting term ahead, with much of our learning linked to our topic on the **Maya civilisation**.

English

We will read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts and write for different purposes, including letters, diary entries, persuasive pieces and an adventure story. Children will also research the rainforest and write a report about its plants and animals. We will focus on improving paragraphing, sentence structure, and punctuation in independent writing.

Maths

Daily maths lessons continue, with a strong focus on **times tables**. We will cover multiplication and division, length and perimeter, fractions, and later mass and capacity. Children will also take part in regular **4 Calculations** sessions to strengthen their core maths skills.

Support at home through times tables games is very helpful – TT Rockstars, Mathletics, www.timestables.co.uk, and the Y4-style check on Maths Frame are all excellent resources.

Science

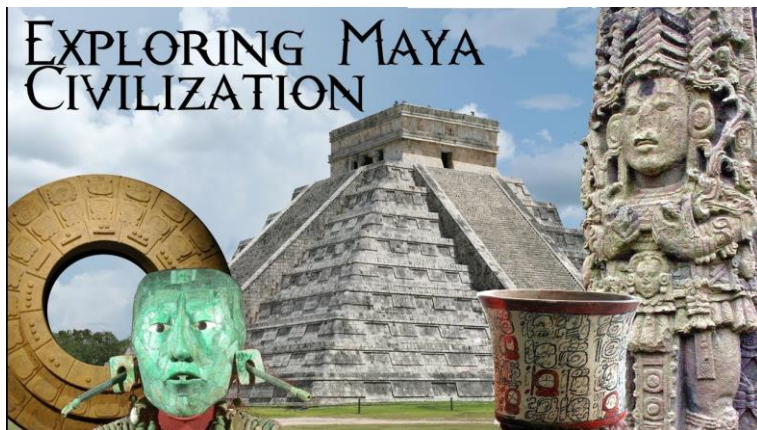
Our topics this term are **Sound** and **Light**. Children will explore how sounds are made and travel, how pitch and volume change, and how light helps us to see. They will also investigate shadows and create shadow clocks, using their data to produce line graphs.

History

We will study the **Maya civilisation**, learning about where they lived, their beliefs, daily life, food, number system and sports, and comparing their lives with our own today.

Art & DT

In Art, children will complete an observational drawing study and create work inspired by **Andy Warhol**, as well as making a Mayan-style papier mâché mask.



In DT, we will explore the importance of corn and chocolate in the Mayan diet and design and make savoury corn muffins.

Computing

Children will begin with online safety, learning how to stay safe and where to get help. They will then practise giving and editing typed commands and explaining the effects.

RE & PSHE

In RE, we will study Jesus' miracles and the events of Easter.

In PSHE, our focus is **Living in the Wider World**, including online safety, community, money and work.

Reading Challenge

Children should continue reading regularly from a wide range of genres and recording this in their **Reading Journal**. Reading aloud to an adult remains very important for building confidence, expression and vocabulary.

Let's Present

This term's presentation theme is **"Where Am I?"**, focusing on countries in **Central and North America**. Talks should last about 5 minutes, followed by questions. Dates have been given and noted in reading journals.

Presentations can be sent to: classd@danburypark.essex.sch.uk

Spellings & Homework

Spellings are given out each Monday and tested the following Monday. Children should note any mistakes so they can be retested.

There is no additional set homework, but children are always encouraged to share anything linked to our learning – house points are awarded!

Finally, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Miss Lees, Classteacher

Ms Middleton, Learning Support