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### Areas of Learning.

**As historians** we will be finding out about the Mayans. We will be discovering when and where they lived as well as exploring their traditions, culture, Gods and much more. Children will be learning to ask historical questions and we will use these questions to shape our areas of study.

**As artists** we will be creating traditional Mayan headdresses as well as designing and making Mayan pots and learning how to weave. We will be exploring colour symbolism and we will be becoming reflective learners as we think about what worked well and what we would do differently next time.

**Computing:** This term we will be learning how to explore and use the internet safely and reliably to communicate, research and collect, save and manipulate information and images in many different ways. We will be using these skills to support our topic research as well as to create information pages and posters.

**As Scientists** we will be exploring plants and learning how to make them grow well. We will also be learning to be more independent when designing and completing experiments and will be completing fair tests. We will also be recording and displaying results and drawing scientific conclusions.

**In PSHE** we will be talking about "New Beginnings" and "Getting on and Falling Out". We will be getting to know each other better which will include exploring our individual gifts, talents, feelings and problem solving strategies for ourselves and others. This will strongly link to our personal and Social Responsibility Key.

**In RE** children will be exploring Hinduism and Christianity including Divali and Mendi patterns.



**Literacy:** As writers we will be writing our own stories based on familiar settings. Much of our writing will be linked to the Mayans especially when we create information pages and fact files. We will also be writing stories based on other cultures as well as developing our skills with writing instructions, letters and performance poetry. As a class we will be developing our use of a range of sentence structures, punctuation and more adventurous vocabulary. Children will also be taking part in guided reading sessions including comprehension activities. Free readers are now expected to complete a fiction and non-fiction activity when they complete a book and this will be checked by an adult in the class. We will also be continuing our phonics work and will be learning lots of new spelling rules.

**Numeracy:** As mathematicians children will be developing their understanding of number and place value, the four calculations, fractions, measurements, properties of shapes and statistics. We will begin working through our times table cards and working towards getting our names on the Bronze Owl!



**Our Keys to Independence:** As members of Key Stage 2, we will continue to work towards becoming a VIP. This term we will be focusing on being reflective learners so that we can begin to take more responsibility for our own learning as well as looking at the importance of good listening. We will also be learning to talk our learning journeys.

