

Our first journey sees us travel back through time, to Central America! Settling in the rainforests of the Yucatan Peninsula, The Mayans were very clever people..... like us! They set about making many huge, beautiful cities, forming their homes in this part of the world. Known as the Mysterious Mayans, nobody really knows why they died out – a real historical mystery! We delve into the depths of their culture and tradition, and find out a lot more about 1 country they settled in... Guatemala.

### **Literacy**

We will begin our Literacy work by writing poems linked to the picture below. Using the ideas and vocabulary which comes from this, we will write some exciting short stories.

Why visit modern Guatemala... Perhaps because it has some of the most impressive Mayan ruins in the world? Writing a travel brochure will be our next task before we show off everything we have learnt about the Mayans; creating some interesting non-chronological reports.

### **Geography**

We begin our learning with some map work - finding out where in the world The Mayans actually settled, and plotting where some of these 'mega-cities' were.

### **Science**

Our science topic is 'evolution and 'adaptation'. We will be looking at how people and animals grow, change and adapt to their environment in order to survive.



### **Art / DT**

People living in Mayan cultures loved their craft! We love our craft too! We will have a go at recreating some of the interesting Mayan masks, astronomy tiles and sketch the landmarks that meant so much to these people.

### **History**

Where exactly do The Mayans fit into History, and what link do they have to The Aztecs and Incas? No problem; we will be able to tell you this at the end of our journey. We find out some fascinating facts about them, and look into the adventures and discoveries of famous explorer Frederick Catherwood.

### **RE / PSHE**

The Mayans believed in a series of Gods, all unique and fascinating. What were the beliefs and rituals of The Mayans and just what did these Gods represent?

Through PSHE and Fairtrade, we learn about the journey of Chocolate, possibly one of the greatest Mayan inventions.

