



This Half Term in Kestrels

SOUTH AMERICA!

This term, our topic is “**South America!**”. As part of our history learning this half term, we will travel back in time to discover the fascinating Ancient Mayan Civilisation. Pupils will investigate how the Maya lived, their impressive achievements in mathematics, astronomy and architecture, and compare their civilisation with others they have studied. We will also explore the reasons for the decline of the Maya and examine the evidence historians use to learn about the past.



WHAT WILL BE LEARNED:

Maths	This half term in Maths, we will be learning to understand negative numbers, statistics and finding the area and perimeter of composite shapes.
English	This half term, we will be starting to write our own Autobiographies. Following this, we will be using our topic to theme a lot of our writing lessons for the rest of the half term. We will be using our class book for our whole-class guided reading lessons. Alongside this, we will also have weekly spelling and grammar lessons, giving children the chance to practise and apply these skills in their own writing.
Science	We will be learning about living things– life cycles and classifications.
History	This half term, we will be learning all about the history of the Mayan civilisation.
D.T	This half term we will be learning about different Mayan weaving techniques and creating our own intricate weaving patterns.
PE	Athletics and rounders
French	Oracy and Vocabulary to build up French dialect.
Computing	This half term our computing unit is ‘icrypto’. We will explore different types of coding used historically and in modern times. We will also be using software to make our own Kestrel yearbook.
PSHE/No outsiders RSE	PSHE– Yasmine and Tom– Growing up (puberty) In R.E we will be studying Buddhism.
Music	This term, we will be learning about music from Latin America

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please remember to label all your child’s clothing and tie with their name.
- Ensure your child’s PK kit is in school and is weather appropriate for lessons outside.
- Please do not send your child into school wearing jewellery. Small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed for PE.
- Don’t forget to send your child into school **everyday with a water bottle, their homework diaries, reading book and a hat/suncream now that the weather is warmer.**

USEFUL WEBSITES

- <https://satscompanion.com/> (login details are in the back of your Kestrels homework diary)
- <https://spellingframe.co.uk/> (login details are in the back of your Kestrels homework diary)
- <https://ttrockstars.com/> (login details are in the back of your Kestrels homework diary)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- PE will be on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Library day is a Wednesday
- Mon 8th June Class photos
- Wed 10th June- Zoo trip
- Wed 24th June Sports day
- Friday 3rd July- End of year reports sent home
- Friday 3rd July– Summer Fair
- Thursday 9th July– Celebration of learning
- Friday 17th July-Last day of term

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