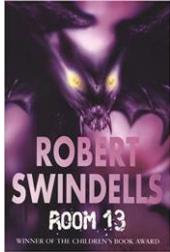


## Year 6 - What would you sacrifice for chocolate?

Our class novel this half term is Room 13 by Robert Swindells.



### The Big Idea

What holds an empire together? Perhaps it is faith – a belief in a single god or many different gods. Perhaps it is dependency – a need to work together and to help one another. Or perhaps it is leadership – strong individuals whose power and wisdom are admired. These bonds help to make empires strong. But the bigger they become, the more difficult they are to hold together...

To understand what life was really like during the Mayan civilisation, we will use 'Now Press Play' to travel back in time to AD900. During this immersive experience, we will take on the roles of Mayan astronomers, engineers and farmers!

Our PE topic this half term is badminton. Remember to come in your kit every Friday.



As historians, we will travel back in time to AD900 to find out about the Mayan civilisation. This will include taking part in our own Mayan themed day, where we will act out a Mayan sacrifice, make chocolate and play Mayan football!

- Investigating what the ancient Maya people were like from the buildings and artefacts they left behind.
- Comparing and contrasting events in British History to events during AD900
- How the Maya worshipped their gods
- Learning the Mayan system for writing and counting
- Why the Maya empire declined.

We will be using key **historical skills** which will include:

- Using a range of sources to deepen our knowledge about what life was like during the Mayan civilisation.
- Comparing and contrasting events, people and places to British history through historical enquiry.

We will use our learning in history to write to inform others about important events which occurred during the Mayan civilisation. We will share our findings through non-chronological reports. We will use the skills we are learning in our writing lessons to help us with this.



Our **Grove House Values** this half term are:

Courage and compassion.

As **scientists** we will be learning all about the human body. This will include learning about:

- How humans are different from other animals.
- About the brain and the nervous system
- About the bones and muscles in the body
- How the human heart works
- How we breathe and what the lungs do
- How the body uses food and water

As part of this topic, we will carry out a heart dissection of a lamb's heart using all of the necessary safety equipment.

In **PSHE** we will discuss how we can live a healthy lifestyle. This will include how we can look after our physical health and our mental health.

As **artists** we will be creating our own Mayan masks from clay. The Ancient Maya created 3 types of masks: celebration, battle and death masks, all with different features. After researching the different Mayan masks, we will create our own design, using oil pastels before using clay to bring our designs to life.