# Year 5 Spring 1 Homework: The Maya

Please complete all three tasks and return your completed work on Friday 10th February 2023.



### **Mayan Pyramids**

The Ancient Egyptians may have been the most famous pyramid builders, but they weren't the only civilisation to construct them: the Maya built them too. There are still many famous examples to be seen in the Yucatan peninsula (El Castillo in Chichen Itza, La Iglesia in Coba). The Mayans built them as stepped structures. This was for several reasons:

- they were stable and were unlikely to topple over,
- they were a monument to the Mayan gods,
- they were used by the Maya to find their way across the surrounding jungles.

On the top there was often a temple used for religious ceremonies.

Your task is to create a representation of a Mayan pyramid. This can take any form you wish, but you should find a way to label your creation with its important features. The website below can help:

https://www.ducksters.com/history/maya/pyramids\_and\_architecture.php

#### Planning an Expedition to Yucatan

Imagine that you are a member of the University of Manor archaeological team and that you've been chosen to explore the newly discovered ruins of a Mayan city. This task is all about deciding what you would take and explaining why. Before you plunge in to the task, a little research would be a useful idea. Use the websites below to think about equipment, clothing and any items that it would be useful to take on your archaeological trip.

## http://www.histarch.illinois.edu/np/tools.html

https://www.thoughtco.com/geography-of-the-yucatan-peninsula-1435216

Now that you have researched more about the area that you are travelling to, list the **five** most important you would take and explain your reasons for each choice that you have made.



#### Holiday to Cancun!

The Yucatan peninsula - where the Mayan civilisation was located - is now a place for sun-soaked holidays. Your task is to prepare a set of possible prices for a family of four to go on holiday there with a different range of options. Cancun is the main tourist destination in the Yucatan because of its sandy beaches and hot, sunny weather. Each hotel is given a star rating  $(3^*/4^*/5^*)$ ; the higher the star rating, the better the quality of hotel is supposed to be.

