

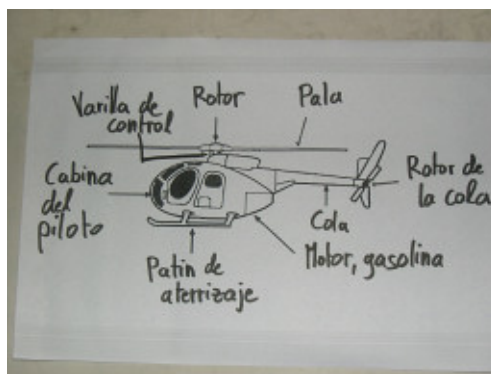
## Vacation program - 2nd part

Inspired by many colorful kites, which are currently flying in the sky, we chose the subject "flying objects" for the second half of the vacation program.

First we had to complete our work from the Maya epoche. With a lot of creativity and perseverance the children finished their Maya masks. The results are really amazingly beautiful, colorful and show the spread of fantasie, which have the pupils (see photo). Then we finally decorated the aprons with Maya symbols, which were carried mainly by the children in the physical education hours. Four different signs of the Maya calendar were selected and painted with her meaning (jaguar, sagesness, sunrise and vital force) on the aprons.



Now we were ready to begin our new topic "flying objects". In the following three weeks we got to know the development and history of airplanes, helicopters, hot-air balloons, rockets, parachutes and kites. The name of "Leonardo da Vinci" should be now known by anyone. In addition the kids became acquainted with main parts and function mode of individual flying objects.



In "manualidad" we folded different paper fliers, propellers and rockets. With plastic bags, wool and bowls the pupils made parachutes. For a while the external court of the project was re-designed to a busy airport. Thanks to a colleague from Germany we received a tutorial how to make a polystyrene flier. Cutting, constructing and painting these fliers was for the whole class a large event. As the last flying object we built kites with bamboo sticks and china paper. We let these flying in a nearby park. Unfortunately some of the kites landed in trees.

During the physical education hours the main focus was the preparation of mini Olympic games. This consisted of various games and sport disciplines. In the last week of the vacation program the team spirit was challenged and the teams could show their abilities. The final games took place in an event and sport park in the Ciudad.



To close the successful vacation program we planned a final event with parents. First Christian gave a welcome speech and we performed our Maya dance with the masks. Afterwards was a photo presentation about our work with the children during the vacation program. Then the 14 different groups presented, very excited, their topic with posters which were made in a hurry. In addition we presented the handycraft works. To reactivate the attention Prof Allan gave a small sport unit. Finally the children received a document of participation, a group photo and a button.