



# Year 5 Spring 1 Newsletter



## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school after the Christmas break and a Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and I am looking forward to the next term with Class 5!

## English

In English this half term we will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to the Mayans. These will include, *To The Stars by Canoe* by Clayton Haswell which is a Mayan parable for children and *The Chocolate Tree* by Linda Lowery and Richard Keep, which is a Mayan folktale. We will base a lot of our own writing on these texts as we write some poetry, persuasive letters and a non-chronological report.

## Maths

This half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division and fractions. We will be learning:



- Multiply and divide numbers mentally.
- Multiplying 4-digit numbers by a 1-digit number.
- Multiplying 4-digit numbers by a 2-digit number.
- Dividing 4-digit numbers by a 1-digit number.
- Compare and order fractions whose denominators are multiples of the same number.
- Identify, name and write equivalent fractions.

## PSHE

Our focus question is 'What choices affect our health?' We will also be doing some work linked to our own emotions and the Zones of Regulation.



A new grid linked to our topics has been sent home. Homework is due **every Thursday** and will be shared with the class as part of our routine that morning. There is no guarantee that we will have time to share homework on a Friday, therefore please encourage your child to complete their homework on time. Some worksheets have been sent out with the homework sheet and there is an option on the menu for your child to complete these as their homework task.

## PE and Forest Schools

PE lessons continue to take place on alternate Tuesdays with Forest Schools. This half term, we also have a coach delivering a PE lesson every **Monday**. The Forest Schools groups will continue on Tuesdays so please ensure that your child has waterproof shoes and a thick coat with the weather becoming colder.

## Topic Work—Marvellous Mayans

For this half term, our topic is History focused and we are going to find out all about the Mayan Civilization. We will learn about who there were and when and where they lived. Also, we will study a range of historical artefacts to find out about their religion, number system, diet and how they



## Science

In Science this half term we will be learning about Forces. We will think about the forces that are in action around us and investigate the effects of gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. Also, we will learn about how pulleys, levers and gears work

## Art and DT

This half term, we are going to create our own toys linked to our work on pulleys, levers and gears in Science. We will also complete some art work linked to the Mayans, such as sketches, chalk work and Mayan masks.

## RE

This half term we will be focusing on the question: 'What is the Bible and why is it important to Christians?'. We will build on our current knowledge of Christianity to think about the concept of Authority in the Bible and to discuss how the Bible is interpreted, used and treated.

## Spellings and Times Tables!

Spelling and times tables tests will continue to be completed on a **Friday**. Spelling lists and tables will be **sent home every Monday** and tested on a Friday. It is important that the children learn their spellings and tables on a weekly basis as they are key expectations for Year 5.



## Curriculum Driver

This half term, our learning will link to the curriculum driver 'Respecting our Rights'. We will explore the rights that we have today compared to in another time period or culture. We will also think about our responsibilities linked to our health.