

Maya Civilisation and the Americas

Our Geography topic for this term is the Americas. We will develop our atlas skills, including looking at grid references. We will also look at their way of life, comparing it to our own.



In term 6, our History topic will be on the Ancient Maya Civilisation. We will be looking at Ancient Maya artefacts to help us identify their daily lives. Children will also explore the Gods and beliefs that they held; as well as looking at how the Maya civilisation has influenced modern day life.

Year 5 Notes

Literacy and Maths homework is given out on a Thursday - to be returned the following Tuesday.

Spellings will be continued to be tested every Thursday. Your child should have already received a list of spellings for this term. Please let your child's teacher know if you haven't received one. Alternatively, spelling lists can be found on the school website.

PE & GAMES

In the next two terms, the children will be learning how to play cricket and rounders. During inside P.E., the children will be continuing to develop their understanding of gymnastics.

P.E. lessons take place every Monday and Friday.

Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit, including training shoes, in school on these days.

Year 5 will continue swimming on Thursdays from the 8th of June.



Dates for the Diary

- ◆ 17/05/17- Bookfeast
- ◆ 22/05/17- Art Week
- ◆ 29/05/17- May Half Term
- ◆ 13/06/17 (2pm) & 14/06/17 (6pm) – Yr 5 Performance
- ◆ 10/06/17-Summer Fayre
- ◆ 21/07/17- Last day of term for

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Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2017

Year 5

Welcome back!

We hope you had a fantastic Easter break. As we head into the Summer term, we have many exciting things to look forward to, including sports day, Bookfeast and a performance.

As always, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at the end of the day.

Best wishes,

Miss Crockett and Mr Widdows.

R.E.- In R.E. this term, we will be looking at how the Holy Spirit has inspired Christians. We will also be thinking about people who inspire us. In term 6, we will be exploring the question 'What's best for our world?'

Art and Design- In D.T. this term, children will be continuing with their Wind in the Willows animations. They will be learning how to film a smooth animation and will develop their understanding of how to edit a film.

French- During term 5, children will be telling the time. They will also compare English and French school timetables. In term 6, the children will be learning about the French Revolution and responding to letters from their French pen pals.

Music- In term 5, children will be rehearsing the songs of our play. We will also be embarking on a magical journey through the solar system (linked to our Science topic). During term 6, we will be listening to lively pieces of music that can be developed into a performance.

MATHS

Maths continues with the cyclical syllabus. Children will be using their understanding of the four main operations to answer a range of word problems.

Please continue to support your children with learning their times tables. There are some great activities available on Mathletics, which support this as well as all other areas of the curriculum.



COMPUTING

In term 5, children will be focussing on e-safety, and they will be using various forms of technology to create and share ideas for staying safe when online.

During term 6, children will be revisiting programming, learning about algorithms and exploring programs such as Scratch.

Year 5 Computing lessons will be led by Mrs Holt.

LITERACY

Literacy Hour this term will cover explanation and report writing. Next term, we will further explore poetry, focusing on rap. We will also be completing fact files and writing letters.

Reading - We would appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child reads regularly. You can also help by asking your child questions about the text being read.

In year 5, children are expected to read four times a week. Reading is checked on Friday for both classes.

SCIENCE

The Science programme for term 5 is 'Earth and Space'. Within this we will look at the scale of space, the planets within it and how the Earth, sun and moon orbit.



After half term, we will be exploring 'Forces'. We will be labelling forces on diagrams and completing investigations.