

The Mayans

Our history focus for Terms three and four is The Mayans. During this topic we will be learning all about the Maya civilisation, their religious beliefs, and their number and writing system.

Whilst learning about the Mayans, we will also be enhancing our geographical knowledge of North America.

Homework

Spellings are tested every Tuesday, A copy of the lists are available online.

Maths and Literacy homework will be set every Thursday and will need to be handed in the following Tuesday.

Reading will be checked every Friday. In year 5, children will be expected to read at least four times a week. Please record and sign this in your child's reading record.

PE & GAMES

This term we will be continuing with swimming on a Thursday morning. We are also lucky enough to have Dance and Gymnastics again!

Term 3– Indoor Wednesday Dance with Mrs Law

Term 4– Indoor Tuesday Gymnastics

Dates for the Diary

[See key dates document](#)

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Curriculum Newsletter

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Year 5

Welcome

We hope you have had a relaxing Christmas break. Everybody has made a very positive start to the term and we are pleased with how well all the children have settled back into school life.

If you have any queries or require further information regarding any matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at the end of the day.

Best wishes,
Miss McGuire & Ms Scott

R.E. - In R.E., the children will explore different ways of showing belief with focus on Islam. After half term, we will look at the Christmas story from a biblical viewpoint, with focus on how God communicates to others.

French– The children will be exploring This term's lessons will focus on learning and using French phrases and vocabulary based around food, sports, animals and school.

Music– We will continue to link our music to topic and move onto music during The Mayans

PSHCE– We will be learning to recognise our feelings and emotions and understand their importance. We will also be learning to value our differences.

MATHS

In Maths, children will be exploring fractions, decimals and percentages. They will also be discovering more about shapes, measuring space and investigating angles.

It is particularly important that all of the children are confident with their times tables and have instant re-call. We would be grateful if you could support our efforts in school by practising tables with your children at home.



COMPUTING

The children will be planning a website and creating the content for it. They will learn how to add hyperlinks and media. They will also review and evaluate their websites.

Pen Licence-We are continuing focusing on neat presentation. Children will therefore need to earn their pen licence annually. They can achieve this through neat handwriting.

LITERACY

Literacy hour this term will cover instructions, suspense and mystery, persuasion, poetry and report writing (linked to our Mayan topic) .

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 will be checked every Friday for both classes.

SCIENCE

In Term 3 and 4, we will be investigating Properties and Materials. The children will be looking at magnetic materials and ordering materials based on their hardness.

In addition, we will be testing the transparency of materials. The children will learn that some materials can conduct electricity and know what thermal means.