

Love Learning, Love Life Always Aiming High



Welcome to your first term in Year Five,

I hope you have all enjoyed the Summer break and that you are ready to work hard this term! We have lots to learn and I am very excited about the topics that we will be covering over the year. There will be a huge focus upon times tables this half term; everybody must have quick recall of their times tables in and out of order.

PE

PE will be on a Wednesday and a Thursday afternoon. This term I will be teaching swimming on a Thursday and Miss Preugschat will be teaching all of our PE units on a Wednesday. You need to have a labelled PE kit in school at all times, which can be taken home to be washed over the weekend or half termly.

Homework, Spellings and Reading

Like last year, Learning Log homework and Maths will be given out on a Friday and returned on a Wednesday. Occasionally, we may give out a piece of homework that lasts for a longer period of time, such as a mini-project. Reading books need to be changed at least once a week and don't forget to bring your Reading Journal and book in everyday, so that we can keep track of the books you are reading. You need to continue to learn your times tables at home as well as covering them in class. Finally, Spellings will be given out on a Thursday and will be tested on the following Thursday.

As well as me, we will have Mr Eisenberg with us during the morning sessions and Miss Evans throughout the day. In the afternoons you will have the opportunity to work with Mr Manning and Mrs Edwards for some of the sessions.

Miss Blake

The Mayans



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Our first topic will focus on the Mayan civilization, where we will look at what life was like in contrast to British history.

In **Science** this term, we will be focusing on the units Earth and Space and also Light. We will find out fascinating facts about the Sun, Moon and Earth as well as developing an understanding of day and night, the four seasons and the Moon's phases. Within Light, we will learn that to see, light needs to enter the eye and we will also investigate light reflection & refraction.

This year, we will deliver Art and DT in blocks at the end of the half terms. In **Art** we will learn about Mexican Art; looking at printing and pattern making. In **DT** we will develop our skills within textiles, looking at designing and weaving a Mexican mat.



In **English** we will be focusing our learning around a book called Manfish which looks at the story of Jacques Cousteau. Throughout the term, we will focus on biographies and poetry as well as completing extended writing within our topic work. Throughout the year, we will continue to develop our use of ambitious vocabulary, conjunctions, punctuation and openers.

In **Maths** we will be following the White Rose Maths scheme of work, which develops the children's fluency with number and their mastery at applying these skills to problems and puzzles. We will start with work on number placement, the four operations in number, statistics and perimeter and area. We will also continue to build on our recall of times tables.

Our **History and Geography** this term will be taught through our topic of the Mayans. We will learn what life was like in the Mayan civilization; looking at daily life, food, Gods and achievements. We will also develop our enquiry skills further by contrasting the Mayans to British history. Within **Geography**, we will continue to build upon our knowledge of maps and atlases.



In **R.E** we will be learning about Christian values and beliefs. In the first term, we will look at what the story of Daniel tells us about how Christians should act in accordance of their beliefs. In the second half term, we will look at the role charity plays in Christian life.

In **Music** we will have weekly sessions on a Monday afternoon, learning how to play an instrument of our choice. The 'Wider Opportunities' team lead these lessons and also teach us some singing skills.

In **French** we will continue to develop our skills in conversational French and learn about the culture.



In **PE** we will be covering Swimming, Dance, Games and Gym. Miss Preugschat will teach PE on a Wednesday and I will deliver swimming on a Thursday afternoon. Throughout the year, we will also continue to have the opportunity to participate in competitions.

In **Computing** we will be looking at Internet Safety. What makes a strong password? What makes a spam? What rules should we follow on the web? After half term, we will be coding using the free to download program- Scratch.

