



## Year 5 Spring 1 Newsletter

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back and wish you all happy New Year for 2019.

We have lots to look forward to this half term with exploring stories from other cultures in literacy, continuing our science topic on forces and our new geography/history topic on the Maya civilisation.

### **P.E and Games**

Again Mrs Barber has commented on the fact that some children are still not remembering their PE kits. To enable full participation, please ensure your child has their full P.E. kit in school on a Monday. It should then remain in school until the end of the week. During the winter months, it is also important to ensure your child has warm clothing. During the year, each class will also have an 8-week swimming block. Currently Swifts are swimming and it will be Canaries' turn to start swimming in February. A letter giving more details will be handed out nearer the time.

### **Home Learning**

We appreciate the support you are providing your children with regarding homework. It is an important way of reinforcing and deepening the learning that has taken place in school. It also teaches the children to be responsible and encourages them to be independent learners. It should **NOT** cause a child (or parent!) anxiety or stress so please come to talk to us if your child needs support with completing the tasks set. Also, just a reminder that planners should be brought into class every day. Your child will also have recently received a login for Times Tables Rock Stars which is an online programme which provides children with an opportunity to practise their tables.

### **Volunteers**

We would also be very grateful to anyone who is able to come in to school and listen to children read. If you are able to help, even if it's for just an hour, please see your child's class teacher. In line with our safe-guarding procedures, all volunteers will need to complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring System Check) and we welcome parents who feel they have the time to help in school to complete the check with us at the school office.

The Year 5 Team

# Year 5 Curriculum - Spring 1st Half Term

	The children will be learning...
<b>Topic</b>	Maya civilisation.
<b>Literacy</b>	Stories from other cultures - we will be exploring Cinderella written from other cultures' perspective. Poetry.
<b>Numeracy</b>	Place value, Roman numerals, negative numbers, addition and subtraction problem solving, mental and written multiplication, measures, geometry (reflection, translation and angles).
<b>Science</b>	Forces - Working scientifically conducting experiments around water resistance and exploring mechanisms, levers, pullies and gears.
<b>Computing</b>	Espresso Coding and continuing to develop typing speed and word processing skills.
<b>R.E.</b>	Sikhism
<b>P.E.</b>	P.E. - Dance. Games - Rugby, football, basketball and hockey.
<b>Music</b>	Evaluating and appreciating music and singing performance skills using 'Fresh Prince of Bel Air'. Playing percussion instruments.
<b>Art and DT</b>	Printing repeating patterns linked to other cultures. Painting inspired by Maya civilisation.
<b>French</b>	Festivals, numbers 31 - 60 and commands.
<b>PSHE</b>	Gender diversity.

## Spring Term Key dates

- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Parents Evening
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Parents Evening
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Bring Bakes PTA Cakes
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February Sikhism Day
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – half term
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – return to school