



## Year 5 Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome back from what we hope was a restful and fun half-term break.

Again, we have lots to look forward to this half term with making our own mini movies using Movie Maker in ICT and literacy, continuing our science topic about properties of materials and our geography/history topic on the Maya civilisation.

### Topic

The children had a great day when the school went 'paperless' for a day organised by the Eco Council. We used recycled cereal boxes to make masks inspired by our Maya topic and also enjoyed making and trying some Mexican food.

### R.E.

As part of this term's Sikhism topic, we had a day learning about where Sikhism began and began looking at life as a Sikh. We are continuing this topic this half term and are hoping to book a visitor from the local Gurdwara to come and talk to the children.

### Reminders

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school on a Monday morning to ensure they are equipped to participate in both the P.E. and Games lessons.

During the winter months, it is also important to ensure your child has warm clothing as the Games lessons take place outside. During the year, each class will also have an 8-week swimming block. Canaries are starting swimming this half term. A letter providing more information has been given to the children.

We appreciate the support you are providing your children with regarding homework and reading. Please remember to record all reading your child does in their planner as these are checked weekly and count towards the 10 week reading credits. Planners will only be back dated for those children who forget to hand them in each week - this is to encourage them to be organised and responsible.

Your child has been provided with a login for Times Tables Rock Stars which is an online programme through which they can develop their recall of times tables. There are weekly certificates for each year group for those who have the best time or most coins collected.

### Volunteers

We would also be very grateful to anyone who is able to come in to school to 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 2nd Half Term

	<b>The children will be learning...</b>
<b>Topic</b>	Maya civilisation - Investigate geographical similarities and differences of a region of the UK and Mexico. Spanish invasion of Maya. Life and religion comparisons of Maya and Vikings.
<b>Literacy</b>	Studying the film 'El Caminante'. Looking at camera techniques and applying these in ICT using Movie Maker. Writing recounts of events. Performance poetry.
<b>Numeracy</b>	Mental and written division, calculating with fractions, measures (area and volume), statistics and measures, 2D and 3D shape.
<b>Science</b>	Properties and changes of materials - solids, liquids, gases, mixing and separating.
<b>Computing</b>	Multi-media - Windows Movie Maker. Creating own movie using El Caminante as inspiration.
<b>R.E.</b>	Sikhism - Where Sikhism began, understanding gurus, the Sikh creation story, place of worship, life as a Sikh.
<b>P.E.</b>	P.E. - Gymnastics - a Mayan quest. Games - Rugby, football, basketball and hockey.
<b>Music</b>	Evaluating and appreciating music and singing performance skills using 'Dancing in the Streets'. Playing percussion instruments.
<b>Art and DT</b>	Maya civilisation clay pendants.
<b>French</b>	Where are you going? French cities, directions, weather, places in France.
<b>PSHE</b>	Equality - disability.

## Spring Term Key dates

- 8<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – Book Fair
- 21<sup>st</sup> March - Class photos
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Book Fair
- 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Mothers' Day gift sale
- 29<sup>th</sup> March – Science Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> April – Poetry Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> April - Rock Steady Concert
- 5<sup>th</sup> April – Silly Sock Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> April – Finish for Easter