



Year 5 Newsletter Summer 2nd 2019



Dear Parents/Carers of Year 5,

We hope that you had a relaxing holiday and are ready for the last 7 weeks of Year 5! Where has the year gone?!

This Term's Learning:

Bienvenido a Mexico! We're going to explore this unique country, from its towering temples to its fun-packed festivals. During this half term, we'll use non-fiction books to find out about the importance of music in Mexican culture. Using our literacy skills, we'll write about festivals and create an invitation to a Mexican food tasting session. In preparation, we'll make delicious drinks and savoury dishes. We'll learn about the 'Day of the Dead' and create 3-D skulls. With the Chihuahuan Desert as our imagined location, we'll write postcards and clear instructions for a game. We'll read Mayan myths and legends, and write our own. Using maps, we'll locate Mexico and explore its natural features. We'll discover what daily life is like and how it has changed over time. Then we'll craft Maya chocolate and simple woodwind instruments from recycled materials. Who can make the highest, loudest and longest sounds?

At the end of the project, we'll listen to Maya music and learn a traditional song. We'll also perform Mexican music from the past and present.

Home Learning:

Continuing on from last half term, home learning folders will be given out on a Friday and will be expected to be handed in by Wednesday. A topic sheet will be put in your child's home learning folder. Children will be asked to choose at least 3 activities to complete over the half term. A copy of the week's maths and literacy activities will be also be put in the home learning folder.

General:

- ❖ Children come into school and leave via the library door.
- ❖ Your child will need the following stationery: a black handwriting pen, a red biro, pencil, rubber, sharpener, glue stick, dry-wipe whiteboard pen, ruler and colouring pencils. Space on tables is limited so please ensure that pencil cases are 'appropriately-sized'. Your child may prefer to keep their colouring pencils in a smaller pencil case in their trays.
- ❖ Our PE days are Monday and Thursday - please ensure children have the correct kit and footwear. (However, sometimes there are changes to the timetable so PE kits need to be in school all the time)
- ❖ No jewellery is to be worn for PE lessons
- ❖ Children may wear a watch and a pair of small silver/gold stud earrings for school - no bracelets
- ❖ No makeup (including tinted lip balm and nail varnish) is to be worn

- ❖ Hair is to be tied up (with an appropriate coloured and sized hairband) at all times during the school day.
- ❖ Your child should bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable to enjoy during story-time.
- ❖ Your child will also need a named bottle filled with water every day.
- ❖ We will check and sign diaries every Wednesday. As many of you may be aware, parents/carers signing the diary is a requirement at secondary school so it is important to get into this routine now. Your child should be asking you to sign the diary before Wednesday.

If you have any questions, please feel to ask, we will be out on the playground Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8.45 am and 9.00am and after school.

We hope that the children enjoy this exciting topic!
Only one more half term to go...!

Kind regards,
"The Year 5 Team"