



Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 5 | Autumn Term 1 | 2025



Dear Families,

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you had a wonderful summer break.

Teaching in Year 5 this year are Mr Parnell, Mrs Adcock and Mrs Wallace, Mrs Devlia supported by Mrs Seshadri and Mrs Saigal. We are really looking forward to this year because we have some fantastic topics to study in history and geography lessons, as well as completing some fascinating science experiments. Our team will ensure that all learning needs and levels are catered for and everyone has an exciting and productive term back at school.

This half term, our topic is '**Marvellous Maya**' and we will be focusing our learning around the key question '***What was Maya civilisation like?***'

Our 'Hook' to launch our topic will be:

Now Press Play – the Maya

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following experiences, websites and texts:

- Maya Morning consisting of a carousel of activities
- Making Maya masks
- Maya hot chocolate recipe

Our 'Showcase' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

Creating a ThingLink of Chichen Itza.





Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

This half term we will continue to develop our writing skills. During our first unit, we will learn about Wishing Tales.

Key texts: 'King of the Wild Horses'.

Key skills: structure of a wishing tale

Key texts: 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'

Key skills: character descriptions and resolution dialogue

Maths:

We be practising our times tables and Ozzie's Maths Missions

Key topics:

Place Value

Addition and subtraction

Science: In Science, our focus will be forces and Sir Isaac Newton's work.

History: We will be studying the Ancient Maya civilisation and learning why they are important to study. The children will learn about Maya culture, traditions and why the civilisation collapsed.

RE: We will be learning about Jainism and Buddhism and answering the question, 'Do all actions have a consequence?'

DT: The children will be transferring some of the learning from Science to make Mayan wells using pulleys.

PE: Children will be learning why keeping fit is important for staying healthy, and Tennis skills

Music: Children will be working with Ms Kraft to look at rock music.

PSHE: In PSHE, our topic is "Being Me in My World". We will be discussing how our actions can affect others.

Spanish: Children will learn basic greetings and salutations, and numbers to 31.

Computing: The children will be programming using Scratch.

Useful websites and texts to support learning:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw>

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16>

<https://nrich.maths.org/>

Reminders:

PE Days for this year are Thursday and Friday

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit, and earrings should NOT be worn on PE days. Earrings should be removed and not covered.

Please make sure children have their reading record and reading book in school every day.

