


# Year Five Newsletter: Spring 1 2022

Happy New Year!

We hope that you are all well rested after your Christmas break. Welcome back to a fascinating spring Term in Year 5. We have an exciting new topic, Ancient Maya. We will be focusing on the Maya civilization, and touching on Maya folklore, countries of South America and the origin of chocolate! We will also look at Maya art and will be designing some traditional masks worn for events and by Maya warriors.

As the days remain cold, please send your child with extra layers and a winter coat. Where possible they will always play outside, and ventilation requirements for windows, mean that the classrooms could be a little cooler than usual.

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Our Learning Theme Ancient Maya		Important Dates:	
		1 <sup>st</sup> February - Online bullying with PCSO Woodrow School closes for February half term on Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	
Homework		Learning Log	PE Days
<p>Spelling and maths homework will continue to be sent on Friday's once learning logs have been returned on the 14th. Please return homework books to school on a Friday morning. Spellings will be tested on a Friday morning before we go swimming.</p> <p>Feel free to access TT Rockstars for additional support with times tables which will help your child progress rapidly.</p>		<p>Learning Logs are due back in school on Friday 14th January - We are looking forward to seeing the children's work and having them show off their projects at our class exhibitions.</p>	<p><b>Monday</b>– Outdoor PE will continue to take place on Monday afternoons, please ensure your child wears appropriate PE clothes, in line with the school uniform policy.</p> <p><b>Friday</b>– Swimming will continue to take place on Friday mornings up until February half term.</p> <p>If for any reason your child is unable to take part in a swimming session, please let the office or the class teacher know.</p>
Curriculum			
English		Maths	Science and Theme
<p>In English, we will be starting the term with a piece of science fiction adventure writing. We will be using the text <i>Cosmic one giant leap for boykind</i>, by Frank Cottrell-Boyce and will also link it to the Space topic we are doing in science. We have no doubt that the children will all be producing some wonderful adventure stories of their own.</p>		<p>The children will study multiplication, division, and fractions this half term. There will be plenty of opportunities to consolidate aspects of arithmetic from Year Four, as well as a focus on new learning and plenty of practice of key mathematical skills. This is also a great time to be logging on to TT Rockstars at home or any other activities that strengthen times tables knowledge.</p>	<p>This half term we will be studying Earth and space. We will be learning about all the planets and the spherical nature of the Earth and other bodies. We learn about night and day, and the idea of geocentric or heliocentric models. Further work will discuss gravity and the gravitational pull on our Earth.</p> <p>The theme this half term focuses upon the life, religion, society and legacy of the Maya.</p>
Other:		Year Five Team	
<p>PSHE: WE will be focussing on the relationships we have with family and friends and will explore the impact that understanding ourselves and others has on our wellbeing.</p> <p>RE: We will be looking at How Hindus show that they believe god is in everything and how this affects how they live their life?</p>		<p>Miss Walton- Curie class teacher Mr Feather-Curie Class Mr Hutchinson- Curie Class Miss Hayden- Hawking Class teacher Miss Bell-Trainee Teacher Miss Nicol-Hawking Class Miss Taylor-Hawking Class</p>	