

Tuesday 11th January 2022

Dear Year 5 Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! We would like to thank you for all of the cards and gifts that we received before the holidays. We were all incredibly grateful. The children have all settled back into school well and we are looking forward to another term with them with some very exciting things planned. Now that we have finished our previous enquiry, we are starting a new one this term with different areas of focus. The children worked incredibly well on their Mars Rover project last term which has now formed a display in school. You will also be able to see their work on their Seesaw account. Included below are some of the key bits of information for this half term.

Curriculum Spring 1

Maths	Continuing to revise and introduce various arithmetic questions
	Understanding and recognising multiples, factors, prime and square
	numbers
	The area and perimeter of simple and compound shapes
	Multiplying 4 digit numbers by 2 digits including solving problems in
	real life contexts
	Using formal methods to divide 4 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers
English	This half term we will be learning to write for the following purposes:
	Writing a setting description
	Creating an audio guide/information text about Ancient Maya structures
	Writing our own version of the Maya creation story
	In all of these units we will continue to focus on improving our
	vocabulary and sentence types. Write with cohesion and also editing
	and improving our own pieces of work.
History and	This half term we have a new enquiry question of "Are we becoming
Geography	more civilised?' – and the concepts of: Democracy, consequence,
	responsibility and justice.
	This half term we will be thinking about the Maya civilisation and
	making comparisons to the Saxon kingdoms in Britain at the same time.
	In the history sessions the children will develop their chronological
	awareness and use a variety of sources to think about the way of life for
	the Maya people. We will also have a focus on geography. This will allow



	us to focus on the location as well as the human and physical geography
	of the area.
PE and Outdoor	The children will continue with PE in the hall this term and their days are
<u>Learning</u>	as follows.
	Wolves: Tuesday
	Panthers: Thursday
	On their PE days, the children should come to school dressed in school
	PE kit. Our focus in PE now will be balance and also their ability to work
	in a team. We will do this through the games that we play and the skills
	we practise.
	The children also have an outdoor learning slot timetabled with Mr
	Richards on a Monday afternoon. However, as we are sure you can
	appreciate, schools are very busy, unpredictable places and this could
	therefore change from week to week.
German	The children will also continue with their German lessons with Miss
	Bruening on a Wednesday afternoon. They will continue to grow their
	vocabulary and ability to communicate in another language.
Listen 2 Me	On a Friday afternoon, we have a Hampshire music specialist come in
Music	and work with the children. This term they will be learning a new
	instrument having completed some successful pieces on Garage Band
Homework	Homework will continue to be set on a Monday with the instructions or
	links provided on Seesaw. This is in addition to the reading children do
	at home either independently or with an adult 3 times a week. Often
	the links will be to Ed Shed or TT Rockstars so the children will need
	their log ins for these. If they need a new copy then they are able to ask
	when they are at school.
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Hopefully you will find this information helpful. If you do have further questions or if you are unsure of anything then please feel free to contact us and we would be happy to help!

Kind regards,

The Year 5 team

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