

# Year 5 Summer Newsletter

Wow! It's the last term already... How time flies when you are having fun! I hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday and you had plenty of opportunities to relax, ready for a fun-filled and packed Summer term!

## English:

This term our texts include the Highwayman, an exciting and bloodcurdling narrative poem by Alfred Noyes, as well as looking at traditional Mayan cultural tales.

We will also be exploring explanation texts linked to other areas of the curriculum.

In and amongst this, we will be using media literacy to inspire our writing.

## Maths:

Over the next term, we will be focusing on Measurement, Shape, Position and Direction as well as recapping on Calculations towards the end of the year.

We will be using the skills learnt and applying our understanding of them to real life situations and other areas of Maths including problem-solving!

## Spellings:

Every Monday, the children will be taught how to spell new words using spelling patterns/rules, finding tricky parts in words, making up personalised ways to remember the spellings and other such strategies.

Children will no longer be sent home spellings to learn for a test. Instead, as a parent, you will receive a letter containing the spelling patterns/rules we are learning each half term, along with the statutory word list for children in Upper Key Stage 2.

## Homework:

Homework will again be a mixture of project homework and core subject homework. Projects will be set around a theme of learning and will provide an extensive range of cross-curricular activities, a date will be given for hand in on the sheet.

Where there is no project homework, Maths and English will be provided on alternate weeks. This will be given out on a **Friday** and due in the following **Wednesday**.

## PE:

Indoor PE is Tuesday and outdoor PE is on Thursday for Summer 1 (*This will move to Wednesday again during Summer 2*). Please make sure your child has the correct kit in school: shorts, t-shirt and pumps for indoor & long trousers, a long sleeved top and trainers for outdoors. Jewellery must be removed, or suitably covered for PE.

**Outdoor PE** is Net Games in Summer 1 and Striking and Fielding in Summer 2

**Indoor PE** will be following our new REAL PE scheme and will focus on cognitive skills.

## Reading:

Your child will have the chance to bring a book home from our class library. There is no set day for this and your child can change their library book whenever they have read it.



**Mental Maths:**

Mental maths continues to be an important mathematical skill, across all topics covered in maths, as well as other subjects. Therefore, there will be a Mental Maths session at least once a week... it would be a great help if you could practise mental addition, subtraction, multiplication and division at home.

**Science:**

This term we will be looking at two topics 'Animals including Humans and Living things and their habitats'. We will be looking in more detail at the life cycle of plants, humans and animals.

**Topic:**

For our Topic this term we are moving on to look at The Mayans! We will learn many exciting things about the Maya culture, as well as going on a school trip!

*(More information about the trip will follow in the coming weeks.)*

**RE:**

This term we will be exploring "What does it mean for a Jewish person to follow God?". This will provide your child with some understanding of the Jewish faith but also give your child the opportunity to reflect on their own beliefs and values. As a school we follow the Calderdale RE Syllabus.

**ICT:**

In ICT the children will be creating their own documentaries, using different forms of media, as well as learning about journalistic skills to write, record, produce and edit their own work.

**Music:**

We will be continuing to follow the Charanga scheme of work this term and will be continuing with:

**The Fresh Prince of Bel Air**

As well as moving onto...

**Dancin' in the street**

**Art/DT:**

Our Art & DT focus will be linked to our topic of The Mayans, we will be creating our own Mayan masks and Mayan calendars.

**Spanish:**

The children will be learning about their school, classroom objects, as well as giving directions. Towards the end of the year, we will be consolidating everything we have learnt so far!

Here's to a wonderful  
Summer term!