

### Important Events

**Bank holiday** – Monday 6th May

**Families Week** – Week beginning Monday 29th April.

**Grandparent afternoon tea** – Friday 3rd May

**Half term holiday** – Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Cycling takes place each Tuesday

### Homework

Literacy and Numeracy homework will be sent out **every Thursday**. The class teacher will collect homework from the children on **Monday mornings**.

Spellings will be sent out every week and tested every Friday.

**Home readers need to be completed and brought to school daily and signed weekly by a Parent/Carer.**

### PE

Please remember it is important that children participate in PE each week, and our kit is specifically designed to be of low cost and can be bought from general high street shops or our school office.

The kit consists of: plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts or jogging bottoms, and black trainers or plimsolls.

- **Poplar class:** Every Friday
- **Holly class:** Every Friday

# Year Five Summer 1 Term Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready to dive into the new half term!

We have lots of interesting and new topics to cover this term with a particular focus on The Mayan Civilisation.

**Please ensure that your child is reading and practising times tables every evening.** Remember practice makes perfect!

Should you have any concerns or wish to talk to us about your child's progress, please feel free to speak to us. We're available to talk after school on most days.

Information about what your child will learn this half term is on the other side of this sheet.

*Mr Carruthers and Mrs Vora*

As writers we will be exploring texts in detail and looking at how we can develop our writing skills through learning. We will be focusing on fictional heritage novels written by authors such as C. S. Lewis and Charles Dickens. Children will have the opportunity to develop their ability to write recounts, and short stories, using our history topic knowledge to enhance our writing.

As Mathematicians we will continue to develop the mental strategies we use to calculate problems quickly. We will be developing our use of number work and geometry, looking at shape and angles.

As scientists we will be looking at 'Properties and changes of materials'. We will be looking at reversible and irreversible changes of state.

We will be investigating everyday materials and the basis of their properties such as hardness, solubility and transparency.

## Numeracy

Problem Solving,  
Number, measure,  
geometry, fractions

## Science and DT

Material and change of  
properties

## ICT

Digital literacy -  
Podcasts

## Humanities

Maya civilisation

# Mexico



## Literacy

Heritage novels, fantasy,  
writing narratives

## PSHE & RE

RE: 5 pillars of Islam

PSHE: You and me  
similarities and  
differences

## The Arts

Mayan masks

## Physical Development

Games

We will be taking part in a range of outdoor games, which will develop use of tactics and following rules. Children will select and combine a range of skills. Children will have the opportunity to develop their team work skills.

As artists we will be designing and creating masks inspired by the Maya civilisation. We will be experimenting with different materials, refining and adapting our designs. We will be discussing the methods used from the classic period whilst evaluating our own modern work.

Our topic is history based this half term and we will be looking at 'The Maya Civilisation'.

The focus will be to compare the Maya civilisation to modern civilisation and learn more about the events that took place in Mayan society.