# **Dates for your diary**

Families Week: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

• Testing Week: Monday 17th May

• Science Day: Friday 28th May

### PE

PE is every Tuesday for Poplar, Monday for Elder and Friday for Holly.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school on their timetabled PE days. It is advised your child keeps their kit in school throughout the week in case of any timetable changes. Children must have a full PE kit (a white t-shirt, green or black shorts and plimsolls) to ensure personal hygiene and safety.

## Homework

Children in Year 5 should spend a set time each day completing homework to ensure good routine. This should include:

- Complete the weekly literacy and numeracy tasks which will be set on Thursday and should be returned on Monday.
- Reading their home reading book for 30 minutes each evening (please sign the diary to show this has been completed).
- Learn their weekly spellings which will be set on Thursdays and tested on Mondays.
- Learn their times tables to 12 x 12.
- Access the home learning sites Rockstars and Mathletics



# Year Five Summer 1 Curriculum Newsletter

**Dear Parents and Carers,** 

We would like to welcome you back and hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and productive Easter break.

Thank you to so many of you who supported your children with their half term homework relating to our new topics.

Please feel free to speak to us about your child's progress or any concerns you may have.

Information about what your child will learn this half term is on the inside of this booklet.

We look forward to working with you and your child.

Best wishes,

Year 5 Team

# Our topic this half term is 'Mexico'

# Literacy

As writers, we will be looking at fiction from literary heritage. We will continue to develop our understanding and comprehension of poetry.

We will aim to develop our awareness of the reader through writing reports for a specific purpose.

#### **Mathematics**

As mathematicians, we will be developing our knowledge of angles, shape and measures – such as volume.

We will be working on our ability to reason about the mathematics we are studying and explain the concepts we use.

#### Science

As scientists, we will be looking at the properties, in particular, those of solids, liquids and gases.

We will be learning about the scientific processes behind freezing, melting and evaporating and understanding how particles behave when in these states.

#### **Recommended Reads**

You wouldn't want to be a Mayan Soothsayer – Rupert Matthews

Wonder: The Julian Chapter – R.J.Palacio

#### Music

Our topic this half term is 'Performance' through the art form of Mariachi - Ukulele



**RE: Five Pillars of Islam** 

**PSHCE: You and Me** 

# **ICT**

**Digital Literacy using Garage Band** 

# **Art and Design Technology**

This half term our art focus in '3D form'.

We will be looking at the Day of the Dead celebration and understanding the significance behind the masks they wear. We will recreate these, choosing suitable colours and designs.

# Geography

As historians, we will be learning about 'The Mayan Civilisation. We will be finding out about the lives of the Maya people; finding out about their beliefs and looking at a range of sources and evidence to see what we can learn about this ancient past society.

# **Physical Education**

As part of our athletics unit this half term, we will be learning to develop our running, jumping and throwing skills.

We will learn how to run faster, jump higher and combine the two! We will also learn how to throw a javelin and a discus.