

Class 5 Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term 2016

Welcome to a new year and a, learning-filled first term for Class 5! I know that you will join me in welcoming Mr Stewart as part of the Class 5 team. We have a number of exciting learning experiences planned for this term and indeed across the year. More details about these will be available nearer the time for each...

Our topic this term is *Magnificent Mayans*. We will be finding out about the Spanish conquest of the Aztecs in the 16th century and the subsequent discovery of mysterious ruins. This will involve exploring what archaeologists have discovered and what this can tell us about the Mayan way of life. We will investigate the roles of different groups of people in Mayan society, such as kings, nobles, merchants and slaves, finding out about the Mayan gods, their beliefs and art and also investigating the origins of the world famous tortilla!

We will complete two science units this term. The first involves looking at Earth and Space, describing the movement of Earth and other planets relative to the Sun and becoming 'star gazers' in our scientific enquiries. We will then move onto Forces, investigating the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction and how mechanisms can allow smaller forces to have a greater effect.

During our computing lessons we will be exploring and creating our own 'blog' pages, based around our learning across other subjects. Throughout this, we will also continue to develop our knowledge of staying safe online.

Children will continue to have two PE sessions each week: swimming will take place each Wednesday, for the first half of term, with games continuing to be taught by a Rising Stars Coach on Monday. After half term, we will also focus upon flexibility, strength and control of movements in Gymnastics. Music lessons will focus upon music from other countries and cultures as we explore the unit '*World Unite*'.

In RE, lessons will cover Christian and Buddhist beliefs. During our PSHE lessons, we will be considering how to manage conflict and later begin to learn about taking responsibility for our own safety, including basic first aid and understanding the work of the emergency services.

As always, if you have any questions about the work your child will be covering this term, or feel that you may be able to support the class in their learning, please do feel free to come in to discuss this with me.

Mr Stewart and I look forward to working with you and your children in the term ahead.