

Owl Class

Welcome to Year 5! We are so excited for our learning this half term - Who were the Maya and where have they gone?

Most of our learning will be linked to our main theme, although some subjects i.e. Maths, will continue to be taught separately.

In English, we will be starting with Poetry this half term. We will examine both classic and modern poems and focus on poetic language. We will also be continuing to develop our instruction writing skills which will be linked with our DT.

SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) is going to be a focus this year. Each Friday we will have a specific SPAG lesson and then throughout the week there will be times to practise these skills. Through our reading lessons we will develop comprehension skills and reading fluency.

In Maths, we begin the year with a focus on Place Value and Number. Being able to read, recognise and order numbers up to 1 million. We will then move on to developing our addition and subtraction skills with 4 digit numbers.

On a Friday we will have a specific Mental Maths lesson. This is to help develop fluency and speed.

Reminders:

Please remind your child to bring their reading book to school every day.

PE will be Swimming on **Friday morning**. Please bring swimming kit and a towel.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please make sure your child has only water in their bottle.

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We will be having a DT week this half term focused on Food Technology linked with our Maya theme.

PSHE and Music will be taught by Mrs Slingsby every other Wednesday afternoon.

Science will be focused on the Solar System. We will investigate how forces such as the components of our solar system, orbits and shadows.

How to support your child at home:

In Year 5 we give out a reading journal instead of a reading record book. We will be discussing this with the children and will also explain it in further detail at the 'Meet the Teacher' session. Please encourage your child to read and complete any of the tasks in their reading journals.

Spellings will be different across the school this year. We will be focusing on a larger group of spellings for the half term instead of weekly spelling tests. Your child will know which spellings they need to practise.

If you have any questions, please do contact us. We look forward to a brilliant year!

Mrs Levene and Mrs Warwick

Dates for your diary:

13th September –Meet the Teacher (3.30 in Year 5)

17th and 19th October – Parents' Evening

23rd – 27th October - Half term

30th October – Teacher Training day