




Year Five Newsletter: Spring 2 2025

Welcome back to a new half term of learning here in Year Five. This half term, we will be completing our work on The Ancient Maya and will be exploring modern America. The children will have the opportunity to put their culinary skills to the test when creating their own version of a traditional dish eaten in central America. They will learn about the process involved in getting ingredients from field to fork.

If you do have any questions, please speak to us in person or email us on office@saltaireps.co.uk.

With our best regards, The Year Five Team.

Our Learning Theme: American Art and Food		Important Dates:	
<div></div> <p>The children will complete their learning of the Ancient Maya and then move on to explore North and South America through their Art and Design Technology.</p>		<p>26th Feb-3rd March Book Fair 28th February Learning Log Exhibition 6th March World Book Day 21st March Red Nose Day 26th and 27th March Parent Consultations</p>	
Homework		PE Days	
<p>Homework continues to be sent home on a Friday and is closely linked to the arithmetic the children have done in class. We encourage all the children to have a go at as much of it as they feel able and to ensure it is returned to school the following Friday so we can go through it and address any errors and/or misconceptions.</p>		<p>This half term PE will take place on Monday and Tuesday. On Mondays the children will be doing badminton, where they will develop their serving techniques, their footwork and positioning as well as the tactics required in both singles and doubles games.</p> <p>On Tuesday's, the children will do athletics. In these lessons, the children will develop their baton exchange technique used in relay races, take part in events where they need to run for speed and for distance, and practise different types of throwing and jumping.</p>	
Oracy		<p>Please send your child in the appropriate kit on Mondays and Tuesdays according to the school dress code with appropriate footwear.</p>	
<p>We will be developing our presentational skills in science by planning and presenting a scientific explanation for a younger audience.</p>			
Curriculum			
English	Maths	Science	
<p>In English we will be watching the film clip <i>One Small Step</i>. We will then be writing our own adventure story from a particular character's perspective.</p> <p>Later in the half term, the children will be sharpening their poetry skills by learning the structure of poems then reciting and performing poems of their own.</p>	<p>In maths we will continue to look at fractions of amounts and use fractions as an operation. We will then move on to explore decimals and percentages. The children will extend their prior learning and start to explore equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.</p>	<p>In science we will be exploring Earth and Space. We will be learning about all the planets and the spherical nature of the Earth and other bodies. We learn about night and day, and the idea of geocentric or heliocentric models. Further work will discuss gravity and the gravitational pull on our Earth.</p>	



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Humanities	Computing	Art and Design Technology
<p>In geography we will be exploring the world's oceans. We will be extending our map skills whilst becoming familiar with the ways in which we use oceans and looking at the use and development of trade routes.</p>	<p>In computing, we will be exploring the use of databases. The children will look at how they are used and how they can use them to store and organise data. They will then progress to creating a database of their own.</p>	<p>In DT we will be learning about the journey our food goes on from field to fork. We will also be looking at some traditional recipes and will adapt and make our own version of famous North and South American dishes.</p>
Elsewhere in the curriculum...		Year Five Team
<p>In French with Madame Thakker, we will explore how to keep fit and be healthy as well as foods we like and dislike.</p> <p>In PHSE, we will be exploring the themes of rights and respect. We will also focus on the concept of money: spending, budgeting, financing and consumerism.</p>		<p>Miss Hayden - Hawking class teacher Mr Hurtault - Curie class teacher Miss Nicol - Hawking LSA Miss Taylor - Curie LSA</p>