




Year Five Newsletter: Spring 1 2024

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term of learning here in Year Five. We hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and your child/children are ready and feeling refreshed for your new half term. This term, we have an exciting new topic: Ancient Maya. We will be focusing on the Maya civilization, touching on Maya folklore, the countries of South America and the origin of chocolate! We will also look at Maya art and will be designing some traditional masks worn for events and by Maya warriors.

As the days remain cold, please send your child with extra layers and a winter coat. Where possible, the children will always play outside.

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: America | | Important Dates: | |
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|  | | Road safety session - Friday 2nd February Learning Log Exhibition Friday 23rd February | |
| Homework | | PE Days | Learning Log |
| In Year Five, spelling and maths homework is sent home on a Friday in a book which your child can use to complete their practice in. It is to be completed and brought back for the following Friday. The children will go through their work in class so please ensure it is returned each week. | | Children will be having swimming lessons every day this half term, This will be the majority of the PE sessions. Please see previous communications for further details. | This half term's Learning Log is all about Ancient Maya. We will be handing these out on Friday 12th January alongside the weekly spellings and arithmetic. We plan to have our Learning Log exhibition in class on Friday 23rd February. We look forward to seeing your wonderful work. |
| Curriculum | | | |
| English | Maths | | Science |
| In English we will be sharing the story, <i>The Nowhere Emporium</i> by Ross Mackenzie. We will be continuing with the plot to create our own ending to the story. As part of our non-fictional study, we will be exploring the features of biographies. We will explore examples of famous scientists and mathematicians before writing some of our own. | In maths we will continue to explore all things fractions: adding and subtracting, converting as well as ordering. We will then move on to look at the formal written methods for multiplication and division Please continue to log on to TT Rockstars at home or any other activities that strengthen your child's mathematical knowledge. | | This half term we will be studying properties of materials. We will be testing different everyday materials and understanding why properties influence the materials we use. |
| Geography and History | | Computing | |
| The theme this half term focuses upon the life, religion, society and legacy of the Maya. | | In computing, we will be exploring Computer Science. We will cover many aspects: coding, variables, inputs and outputs and networks, to name just a few! | |
| Elsewhere in the curriculum... | | | Year Five Team |
| In French with Madame Thakker, we will explore how to keep fit and be healthy as well as foods we like and dislike. In RE, we will be exploring the rules shown in the codes for living. The children will think about their own values and those of Christians, Humanists, Jews and Muslims. In PSHE, we will be considering how to keep ourselves safe. We will explore how to look after our mental health, the theme of bullying, how to make difficult decisions and factors that can affect our physical health (examples being vaping, smoking, drugs and alcohol). | | | Miss Hayden - Hawking class teacher Mrs Ahmed - Curie class teacher Miss Taylor - LSA Mrs James - LSA Mr Hutchinson - LSA |