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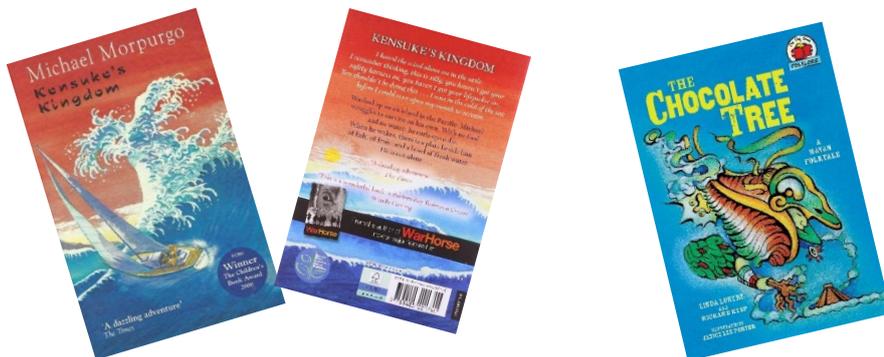
Class 5 Spring 2021

4th January 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year break! I'm looking forward to getting stuck into our new learning this term, as I am sure the children are too! This term our topic is The Mayans. We will be learning all about the history of The Mayans and the location of the Mayan countries in our geography lessons. We will be making Mayan masks in our DT lessons as well as making clay models of Mayan sculptures!

We will be reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo in literacy and will be doing lots of work around the story. We will be writing poetry, narratives, character descriptions, setting descriptions, persuasive writing and newspaper reports. We will also be looking at some Mayan folk tales and our topic lessons will have lots of writing opportunities too.



In maths we have already looked at place value, addition and subtraction. This term we will be looking at multiplication and division, statistics and fractions and applying these skills to a variety of problems.

Our skills-based curriculum will involve teaching the children about specific skills. This term the key skills will be **leadership** and **teamwork**. Each skill will be taught weekly and during the term these skills will be used throughout lessons, culminating in a special project: Construction Counts.

This term our key Skills are -



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Important Days



PE will be every Wednesday and every other Tuesday with Mr Pearson. We will also start our swimming lessons in February. A letter will be sent home soon to confirm this. Please keep checking dojo for regular updates as due to swimming starting, PE days may have to change. Please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit for outdoor AND indoor PE.



Spellings

Spellings will be given out on a **Friday**. These will follow the spelling rules and patterns that are needed in Year 5. They need to be practised ready for a test on the following Friday where they will be read out in a mixed-up order.

Homework

Children need to complete one or more of the tasks from the homework grid by the end of the term.

Children can also access Timestable Rock stars and Mathletics at home and complete any challenges set. Timestables in particular are very important in Year 5 as much of the maths work we complete will be based on a good knowledge and quick recall of these facts.



Reading:

Reading in Year 5 is extremely important. Your child will be expected to read **at least 3 times a week**. They will be given a book that is easily accessible to them (reading at 98-99% accuracy) as the aim of a home reading book is to allow children to practise their fluency skills and increase reading speed. In KS2, children are expected to read at a pace of around **180 words per minute**. Of course, any reading outside of school is encouraged and children do not just need to stick to reading their home readers.

Children who meet this reading expectation will be rewarded with Dojo points.

Class Dojo

Children will be rewarded for their use of our key skills, their good behaviour and meeting our reading expectations with Dojo points. These points can be used at different times during the term to access rewards. Whenever children want to redeem their points, they can select the prize they want from the class catalogue and then they will receive their chosen prize.



Class Dojo will also allow you to see what we have been doing in class and let us share our hard work with you. You can also share any work you want with me on your child's profile.

Finally, from the Year 5 team, we are really looking forward to another amazing term of learning and progress! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send me a message via Dojo and I will be happy to help.

Kind regards,

Miss C Miller

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