

Information for Parents and Carers

Class 4: Summer Term 1 2019



Who were the Maya?

Our Summer Term **History** topic is **The Maya – An Ancient Civilisation**.

We will begin our topic by locating the Maya in terms of time and geography, before starting to learn about aspects of Mayan life including their beliefs and their number system. This topic will continue throughout the summer term.

English:

This half term, the Year 5 children will develop their formal and informal letter writing skills inspired by *The Day the Crayons Quit*, alongside building their spelling and grammar knowledge. Both Year 5 and Year 6 will enjoy writing reports and information texts based on their learning about The Maya.

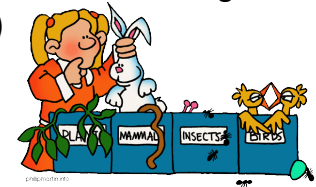


Maths:

In maths, the Year 6 children will continue to revise all aspects of curriculum in preparation for their SATs assessments. Throughout the half term, they will focus on reasoning and applying their skills to solve problems. The Year 5 children will read, write, order, compare & round numbers up to 1,000,000 and including 3 decimal places. They will compare, convert & order fractions and solve problems by converting units of time.

Science:

Our topic this half term is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. The children will learn about the classification of living things, including micro-organisms. They will research and classify creatures and conduct an investigation into micro-organisms (namely mould on bread!)



PE & Games:

This half term's PE will be **Athletics on Thursdays** and **Kwik Cricket on Fridays**.



How you can help at home

- Class 4 home learning will continue to be set on **Fridays** & should be **returned by the following Wednesday**.
- There will usually be a set of **spelling words** for the children to practise for a spelling test the following Friday.
- This term's **HOME LEARNING CHALLENGES (at least 6)** are to be completed by the end of the summer term. I look forward to seeing and displaying the fantastic topic work, which the children will no doubt continue to produce!
- You can use the children's green home learning journal as a communication tool with me, if they hand it in with their completed home learning.



Class 4 - Dates for your diary:

- **Thurs 25th/Thurs 2nd/Thurs 9th** : Year 6 Boosters 3:20-4:00
- **Thurs 2nd May**: Class & Team School Photos
- **Weds 8th May**: Year 5 Road Safety Walk
- **Mon 13th-Thurs 16th May**: Year 6 SATs assessments
- **Thurs 23rd May**: Year 6 Kingswood Meeting 6:00
- **Friday 24th May**: Afternoon Sports Day Races
- **11/12/13th June**: Father's Day Lunches
- **13th June**: Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip
- **19/20/21st June**: Year 6 Kingswood Residential



Cross Curricular Learning:

In **Computing**, the children will complete their unit of work on Blogging and use their computing skills to publish and present their learning in different topic areas. In **RE**, we will be learning about 'Religion and the Individual', investigating special occasions in the year when Christians, Buddhists and Jews express their beliefs. We will learn about Pentecost, Vesak and Shavuot.

