

# Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Enclosed in this letter is an overview of all the exciting learning your child will be completing this half term.

Our topic for this term is 'Aztec and Mayans' in which the children will learn all about their lifestyles and beliefs, as well as developing their geographical knowledge of Latin America.

If you require any further information about your child's learning, please speak to any member of the Year 5 team.

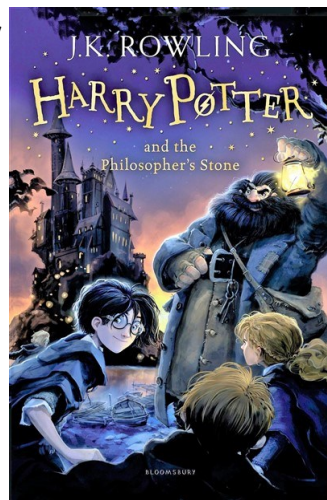
Yours sincerely,

Miss Yoxall, Mrs Kent and Mrs Miceli.

Year 5 Staff

## Literacy

This half term, the children will be reading 'Harry Potter' by JK Rowling. They will recount parts of the story from the perspective of key characters and develop their sentence structures by using a range of grammatical devices. When reading, the children will continue to develop their inference skills and focus on the use of an author's vocabulary choices. They will also practise supporting their opinions about the events and characters in the story by drawing upon evidence from the text.



## Mathematics

During the half term, the children will:

- ◆ Compare and order fractions whose denominators are all multiples of the same number.
- ◆ Recognise mixed numbers and improper fractions and convert from one form to the other.
- ◆ Read and write decimal numbers as fractions.
- ◆ Recognise and use thousandths and relate them to tenths, hundredths and decimal equivalents.
- ◆ Begin to understand what the percent symbol represents.



## Science

This half term, we will be learning about 'Changing Materials' which will include:

- ◆ Everyday materials and their properties and their response to magnets.
- ◆ Comparing and grouping materials based on their thermal conductivity.
- ◆ Investigating which materials are the best electrical conductors.
- ◆ Which materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and grouping them together on the basis of their solubility.



## Creative Curriculum

During our topic about the Aztecs and Mayans, the children will learn about:

- ◆ Locating and identifying the countries of Latin America.
- ◆ Where and when the Mayans and Aztec civilisation lived.
- ◆ Mayan and Aztec beliefs including myths and legends.
- ◆ Tenochtitlan and the Great Temple.
- ◆ Sacrifices made by Mayans and Aztecs.
- ◆ The lifestyle of the Mayans and Aztecs.



## Personal, Social, Religious and Emotional Development



In Religious Education, Year 5 will continue to make connections between places of worship in different religions and explore the question of whether we can live by the values of Jesus in the twenty-first Century.

As part of the 'Values Versus Violence' programme, the children will be able to identify and explore, in depth, the importance of values to link in with the values that we preserve.

## PE



During PE lessons, the children will develop their gymnastic skills. They will replicate and improve the quality of their actions, body shapes and balances, and develop their ability to link phrases of movement both on the floor and when using apparatus.



## Other Information

### Home Learning

Home Learning will be sent home on Friday and will be collected in on the following Tuesday. If Home Learning is not returned to school on time or the children require additional support, they will be asked to attend a Home Learning Club on Wednesday lunchtime.

### Spellings

Spellings are sent home on Friday to be learnt in preparation for a test the following Friday.

### Home Reading

Every child has been given a reading book and reading journal. Please encourage your child to read a variety of materials, such as newspapers and magazines. Reading journals need to be returned to school every Tuesday for monitoring.

### PE

PE lessons will take place on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has their pumps or trainers in school. The children may wear tracksuit bottoms for outdoor lessons. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons.



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