



Spring Term Class Newsletter

Year 5

What we are reading this term:

Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans; **Rain Player** by David Wisiewski; history in infographics: **Maya** by Jon Richards and Jonathan Vipond; **Percy Jackson** by Rick Riordan; **Hidden Figures: the True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race** by Margot Lee Shetterly; and **The Strange Case of Origami Yoda** by Tom Angleberger.

Home reading: Please listen to your child read at least three times per week for around 15 minutes and record it in their school diary. Reading is one of the most important things a child can do as it is the key to accessing the whole curriculum. Your child should read a wide variety of books, not just the school reading scheme. A list of recommended reads is available on our website which can be found at the library. Diaries must be signed by an adult after each read.

What we are learning this term

<p>English</p> <p>Using the texts from above children will create: newspaper reports; formal and informal letters; diaries; an analytical essay, discussion texts; narratives (additional chapter and own version); and poetry in the form of an ode.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>This term, children will be: Multiplying 2, 3 & 4 digit by 2 digit. Dividing 4 digit by 1 digit. Fractions, decimals and percentages: adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.</p>	<p>Science</p> <p><i>Properties of Materials.</i> Including classifying materials by their properties. <i>Changes of materials.</i> Including reversible and irreversible changes.</p>
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<p>History</p> <p><i>Why did the ancient Maya change the way they lived?</i> Children will research the ancient Mayans with an emphasis on why they deserted their jungle homes.</p>	<p>Geography</p> <p><i>Central America</i> (linked to history) Children will use atlases to locate countries and capital cities and interpret a variety maps that show: landscapes, altitude, rainfall and climate. <i>Why are mountains so important?</i> Children will be introduced to the physical and human importance of mountains. They will learn the key concepts of physical geography such as plate tectonics and the formation of different rock types, as well as erosion and geological deep time.</p>	<p>Religious Education</p> <p><i>What is important in Jewish life and worship?</i> To gain knowledge and understanding of Judaism. <i>Why is Easter so important to Christians?</i> Children will enquire into stories about the resurrection of Jesus, identifying similarities and differences in the biblical accounts and be able to explain what is meant by the resurrection and its significance for Christians today.</p>
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<p>Art and Design</p> <p><i>Cut paper artwork.</i> Children will create art work in the style of David Wisniewski. <i>Who were the Impressionists?</i> Children will research all about the impressionist movement, including what were the key styles and who the major artists were. Then, children will create landscapes and still life pictures in an impressionist style.</p>	<p>Design Technology</p> <p><i>Design a Mayan headdress</i> Children will design and create a headdress in the style of Mayan designs, which were based on social-position, occupation, family and would usually have their spirit animal as a motif.</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p><i>Programming: creating games.</i> Make a Flappy game. Using 'An Hour of Code' children create a simple Flappy Bird style game. Code Your Hero. Using 'Scratch' children will create a more complex game based around a hero from their community.</p>
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<p>PSHE</p> <p><i>Keeping Myself Safe</i> Includes aspects of safe internet use, drugs and Relationships Education <i>Rights and Responsibilities</i> Includes money/living in the wider world/environment</p>	<p>PE</p> <p>Will be every Wednesday afternoon. This term, children will be focusing on: ball skills, gymnastics, dynamic balance and games.</p>	<p>Music</p> <p><i>Make You Feel My Love.</i> As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other pop ballads. <i>The Fresh Prince of Bel Air.</i> All the learning is focused around one song: The Fresh Prince of Bel Air.</p>
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<p>Spanish</p> <p><i>Los instrumentos.</i> Children will name ten instruments in Spanish; match all the new Spanish words to the appropriate picture; remember the words for at least five instruments and their correct gender in Spanish, unaided; to say that they play an instrument, of their choice correctly in Spanish</p>	<p>Homework and notices</p> <p>Children should try to access Reading Plus for 20 minutes per week from home. Homework challenges are changed every half-term. Children and family are encouraged to complete one per week. Toast is 20p per day & milk 25p per day. They are paid for on a half-termly basis and can be ordered via the Evolve System.</p>
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Events this term

- Safer Internet Day is Tuesday 11th February 2020
- World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March 2020

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