

# Year 5 Curriculum Letter -Summer 1 2024

We hope that you had a wonderful Easter break!

This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,  
The Year 5 team

Neptune class - Julia Bridden, Kelly Coltman  
Pluto Class - Darcy Rahn

## Topic (History)

Our new topic will be 'The Maya'. We will be exploring the geography of this civilisation and how this affected the culture and the people. We will be discussing the impact of the Maya on our lives today, including football and time.

## English

This term in English, we will be reading How to Train your Dragon, and the children will be writing non-chronological reports to inform. We will continue to focus on sentence structure to support children in accurately forming and punctuating their writing.

In Guided Reading, we will explore a poetry book called Overheard at the Tower Block. We are examining poetry to help us understand the devices of personification, metaphors and similes.

## Maths

This half term we are continuing our work on fractions and decimals. We are looking at the place value of decimal numbers and representing them in different ways. As always, the homework on Mathletics matches our topic so please encourage your child to go on it.

## Science

In Science, we are continuing our exciting unit about Space! We are now looking at the function of satellites and using our math skills to help us with graphing and plotting scientific data. We look forward to sharing our learning with you about this exciting topic.

## Music

This term, the children will be taking part in 'Splash', where a specialist teacher will come and support them with singing lessons. Next half term, there will be a concert.

## Art/DT

In our art lessons we will be looking at art created by The Maya, including making masks, statues and graffiti based on Maya gods.

## PE

Our PE lesson will take place on Tuesday and on Wednesday (Neptune) and Thursday (Pluto). Please remember to wear/ bring appropriate clothing for these sessions.

## PSHE

In PSHE, our new unit is 'Relationships', and how to treat others with respect. We will also be looking at online relationships.

## Spanish

We will continue to focus on basic and conversational Spanish.

## RE

In RE, our new topic is 'God is Everywhere'. We will examine what people from different religions and world views believe about God. We will think critically about this and see what impact these beliefs have on peoples' lives.



## Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:30 Guided Reading  
9:30-10:45 English  
BREAK  
11:05-11:25 Handwriting and spelling  
11:25-12:30 Assembly  
LUNCH  
1:30-2:30  
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE  
2:30-3:20  
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## Dates for the diary:

22<sup>nd</sup> April- trip to the river  
6<sup>th</sup> May- May Bank Holiday (school closed)  
13<sup>th</sup> May- National walk to school week  
13<sup>th</sup> May- Book fair  
16<sup>th</sup> May- Into University (Neptune)  
17<sup>th</sup> May- Into University (Pluto)  
21<sup>st</sup> May- Class group photos  
24<sup>th</sup> May - last day of term