

# YEAR 5

# NEWSLETTER



**SPRING TERM**

## **WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Mrs Clinton and I would like to say a huge thank you for the lovely gifts that we received over the Christmas period.

We hope you and your children have had a fantastic, festive holiday.

We are thrilled to start the new year with some very exciting topics and hope that your children are as enthusiastic as we are!

### **Reading**

Like last term, the children will use a range of texts to build confidence and fluency whilst reading aloud.

We will also practise answering comprehension based questions to further develop our understanding of what we are reading.

### **Maths**

To start the term, we will focus on multiplication and division, where children will be introduced to short division and division with remainders.

We will then move back to fractions looking at multiplication of fractions. Later in the term, we will learn about decimals and percentages.

### **Writing**

We start our term writing quest stories. Already, the children have enjoyed creating their adventurers and maps to help inspire what will likely be one of their biggest stories to date.

Children can then look forward to writing about our Earth and Space topic where we will use our knowledge and imagination to write a series of diary entries as astronauts.

### **Science**

#### **Earth and Space**

We will examine the our solar system including learning about the eight planets that orbit our Sun. We will learn about the moon and its phases. We will also learn about how astronauts live and work in space.

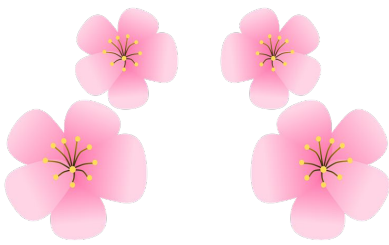
### **History**

#### **The Maya**

We are excited to start the new year with our Maya history topic. We will examine who the Maya were, where in the world they lived and compare how different their lives were to ours now.

We'll learn about their number and writing systems, their religion and their architecture.





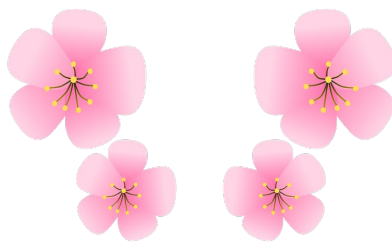
## **Geography** **Exploring Eastern Europe**

In this brand new topic for Year 5, the children will learn about the countries of Europe. They will then look in more detail at some of the contrasting areas of eastern Europe, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations in each area.

Children will bring together their learning about one area of eastern Europe and create information booklets to share what they have found out.

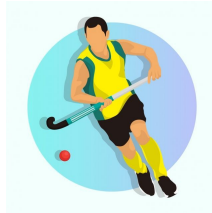
**Design and Technology**  
This term, children can look forward to researching and designing a children's play park.

After visiting our very own village play area, the children will design and build a model of their idea park.



## **Physical Education**

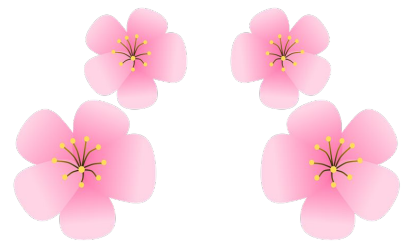
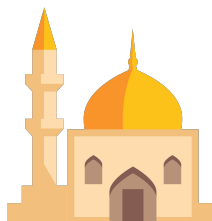
PE is on a Tuesday and a Thursday this term. The children can come to school in their PE kit on these days. Please ensure that hair can be tied back and earrings removed. This term we begin with hockey and dance.



## **Religious Education**

This half term, we will be explore how Muslims follow God. We will learn about how the Qu'ran teaches Muslims to worship God and how Muslims observe the five pillars of Islam.

We will also learn about the features of a mosque and discuss why Islam is the fastest growing world religion.



## **Homework**

Continuing from last term..

~ CGP English homework (two pages set each week).

~ CGP Maths homework (two pages set each week).

~ Spellings (once per week)  
Children will bring home a list of spellings to learn.

~ Read daily  
Please remember to record in planners. Pupils could write this themselves.



Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr Thomas