

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful Easter break. We look forward to an exciting Summer Term. Our topics for this half term are '**Science – Life Cycles**' followed by '**The Mayan Civilisation**'.

Maths	We are going to continue to build on the learning we have done so far this year by beginning the term with percentages and using our multiplication and division knowledge. We will then move onto shape, including reflection and translation. Then finally moving onto perimeter and angles towards the end of the first half of term. To finish off, we will spend time recapping the learning we have done in preparation for year 6.
English	To begin, we will be looking at Heritage Literature through the novel <i>Treasure Island</i> . We will be looking at a variety of different writing styles including diary entries and arguments. We will then end with a modern retelling of the novel. Throughout our learning we will incorporate punctuation and grammar lessons to enhance our writing. During one week in the Spring term we will also participate in a Poetry Competition. We will then move onto structuring and writing our own report and discussion piece of writing.
Geography	We will be looking at atlases as part of our Mayan unit and continuing to develop of geographical skills.
Science	In the first half of term, we will explore the life cycles of a variety of different animals including bird, insects, amphibians and mammals. We will also learn and use proper scientific language to support our discussions. In the second half of term we will turn our focus to forces.
Art	To begin with we will learn about different styles of abstract art and complete our own renditions. In the second half of term we will look towards our Mayan topic for inspiration and complete a variety of different pieces of art.
Computing	We will begin the term by looking at blogs and how we can safely and securely blog on the internet. Children will have a chance to write their own blogs, comment on their classmate's blog and also insert pictures and media. We will then move onto using software to develop architectural structures.
PE	The children continue to be taught by CSE and will develop a range of skills including, athletics in preparation of sports day. Children will look at running and a variety of different athletic skills that they may need for the day. In the second half of term we will be moving onto cricket.
SMSC	In the first half term our Jigsaw PHSE programme will be about Relationships and developing positive relationships between the children. We will then move onto the unit Changing Me which explores the changes that may occur in our bodies and also to help children to prepare for Year 6.

Respect each other, Belonging together, Achievement for all.

RE	To begin with we will be exploring ideal role models and the skills and knowledge they would need to be in that position. We will then apply this to leaders of the Church and Synagogue. We will then continue with our learning of Judaism and Christianity and understand why it is important to know about different religions.
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PE- Please remember that children will need a P.E. Kit in school at all times. This should be black shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Our regular P.E. session is on Wednesday.

Uniform- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear. Earrings should be studs and no other jewellery should be worn unless faith related.

Water- Children may bring a bottle of water each day; they also have access to the drinking fountain at all playtimes.

Morning Snack – Children may bring a piece of fruit to eat during the morning if they wish.

Home Learning- Spellings are issued weekly on Mondays – they are expected to be handed in the following Monday, Learning Log tasks are given every fortnight, and are expected to be handed in on the second Thursday. Maths homework is set each week on the Mathematics website. Children bring their reading records home daily, and are expected to read each weekday. Please could parents sign reading records each day.

If you have any questions please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day.

Kind Regards,

Miss Bethany Dalgeish,  
Mr Leon A,  
Mrs Debra Lunniss,  
Miss Sam Felguieras,  
Mrs Michelle Quinn.