

# Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter



## Autumn 2 2017

Below is a brief outline of what your child will be learning in Year 5 this half term. We hope you will take the opportunity to read and discuss it with your child.

Subject	
Literacy	We will be writing a holiday brochure to persuade the reader to visit a country following our topic work on climates. We will work on Year 5 writing skills such as parenthesis, modal verbs and using a thesaurus to use powerful vocabulary and the children will show off their skills in a timeslip story based on the film "Tom's Midnight Garden."
Numeracy	The key areas we will be targeting this half term are using formal, efficient methods for multiplication and division before moving on to fractions. Children will continue to practise their arithmetic skills as well.
Science	In Science this half term, our topic is Earth, Sun and Moon. Children will be learning how we have day and night and the four seasons. They will also be finding out about how Earth orbits the Sun and the Moon orbits Earth.
Topic – History	This half term we are studying the Ancient South American Mayan civilisation. We will be learning about their achievements and legacy.
ICT	Children will be developing their coding skills using Purple Mash. They will be programming a range of variables and objects by giving a sequence of instructions. Children will also continue to learn how to stay safe online.
RE	Our focus for this half term is the concept of interpretation. We will be discussing why people have different interpretations of the same story/situation. We will move onto looking at how and why there are different interpretations of the nativity story.
PE	This half term, children will be working on their fitness levels including doing circuit training where they will have the opportunity to devise their own circuits. As the weather becomes colder, children can wear tracksuit bottoms instead of shirts. Please remember PE kits should in school the whole time. Some children will be returning to Red Lodge on Tuesday afternoon for more swimming lessons. You will have been notified by letter should this be the case.
Music	Our Music this half term links to the Mayan theme. We will all be learning to play the ocarina, a small blown instrument that originated in South America. The children will learn to read simple notation that they can follow to play different tunes and will compose their own pieces for a Mayan sunrise. We will also be learning some songs in preparation for our whole school Christmas performances in the last week of term.
Art / DT	In Art, we will be linking our skills with our topic work in which we will develop our own Mayan style pattern.
MFL (French)	After having learnt about the weather, days of the week and transport in the first half-term, we are now going to focus on giving and understanding different opinions. The children will continue to gain confidence in manipulating numbers and learn further expressions for likes and dislikes. They will begin to learn about the Euro and will perform a shopping role play. If the children wish to practise their French further with some fun and games, please visit the Lingotot website at <a href="http://www.lingototschools.com">www.lingototschools.com</a> (username: hollybrook, password: hollybrook1), where they will find many language games to help them learn and remember their vocabulary.