

AMERICAN ADVENTURE YEAR 5

MATHS:

In our Maths lessons we will be developing understanding of place value, addition and subtraction, problem solving and handling data.

It is important that the children develop their calculation strategies, all practice in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division would be welcomed.

Your child has a 'Times Table Rockstars' log in, please encourage your child to practise every day – just five minutes will help them to improve.



ENGLISH:

Our English objectives will be linked to the age related milestones identified by the National Curriculum and children will be given the opportunity to write for a range of purposes.

Discuss with your child different ways to start sentences, different ways to connect their ideas and help them with exciting words to improve their writing.

Wherever possible, our work will be linked to the topic, the children will be introduced to stories linked to the Maya and other Central American cultures.

Your child will receive daily reading and regular spelling sessions. We will also support your child in the development of a joined and cursive script, which is regular in size and shape. When your child has developed a joined cursive handwriting style, they can earn a 'pen licence'. Once achieved, they will be given their own blue ink pen to use in their books instead of pencil. If your child does not maintain a high standard of handwriting and presentation the licence may need to be re-earned. All practise in this area would be appreciated.



Example of a joined, cursive handwriting

THE STAFF WHO WILL BE WORKING WITH YOUR CHILD THIS TERM ARE:

Mrs Faul-Geal and Mrs Hughes (5Beech)
Mrs Coyle (5Rowan)
Miss Walker (5Oak)
Miss Scott – Teaching Assistant
Mr Booth – Teaching Assistant



Your child will need their PE kit on a Tuesday and Friday

Could all kit be clearly named so that it can be returned if lost?

Please encourage your child to read at home, on their own and to an adult or fluent reader. They can have a structured reading book and library books from school, as well as read books from home. Just twenty minutes a day, in addition to reading done in school, makes a great difference!

Thank you for your support
Year 5 team

PE/Games kit should include:

- a plain t-shirt in House colour
- plain black shorts
- plain dark tracksuit for outside use in cold weather
- black pumps,
- old trainers for outside use.

Spellings for this half term are in your child's homework pack.

The spelling tests are every Friday.

Your child will also be given a list of words which all children should be able to spell by the end of Y3 & Y4 and Y5 & Y6.

Your child will be tested firmly on these words

Please encourage your child to practise the correct spelling of these words so that they can be used in their writing.

Dates for the diary:



On **Thursday 28th November 2019** Year 5 will take part in a Maya DT food day, more details will follow.



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COMPUTING:

The children will use a program called garage band to compose music to an animation. To find out more about how to keep your child safe online, go to: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

RE:

Children will find out more about the five pillars of Islam, The Ten Commandments and exploring faith expressed through art.

MUSIC:

The children will develop their singing and use of tuned instruments of popular songs from the United States of America.

PE:

The children will develop their ball skills across a range of sports and they will develop their fitness levels via high intensity workouts.

HOMEWORK:

The homework pack needs to be returned so that it can be marked **every Friday**. The aim of homework is to support your child's learning and will be linked to Reading and Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GPS).

Each term, your child will receive a selection of **'take home tasks'**; these are *optional* additional activities for your child to carry out over the term. We hope that this will encourage your child to learn more about the topic and the tasks are aimed at a range of learning types. Once complete, we would like your child to share them with their class.

HISTORY:

We will be learning more about events in the United States of America and the ancient cultures of North and South America. They will learn more about what changes occurred and how they were caused and how this can be discovered from a range of sources.

DT:

We will be developing children's cooking skills and introducing the children to food eaten by the Ancient Maya.

MFL:

The children will learn French greetings, numbers, colours, animals and conversational language.

GEOGRAPHY:

The children will develop their mapping skills. They will be finding out about the changes in landscape and climates of North and South America.

PSHE:

We will support the children to develop their social skills through the teaching of key values. These will also be shared throughout the school day, including assemblies.

SCIENCE:

In Science the children will learn about the properties of materials, reversible and irreversible changes, dissolving, and filtration through a variety of practical experiments.

ART:

Through this topic the children will have the opportunity to work with a range of materials linked to the theme. They will also look at the art work from North and South America.

