



"Learning and achieving in a caring community."

Do to others what you would want them to do to you- Matthew 7:12

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Year 5 & 6 - Autumn - Term 1

'Mystic Mayas'

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you have had a summer full of enjoyment, rest and recuperation. The UKS2 team are ready and raring to welcome your children back into school and we look forward to diving straight into our first topic. For the new Year 5s, this is an important year as they progress to the latter end of their Primary years. For the new Year 6s, we have reached the final year and there will be exciting roles and responsibilities available for them across the school. For all children, this year will provide new challenges and expectations will rise accordingly, but also there are new and exciting experiences for everyone.

This term our topic is called 'Mystic Mayas'. We are learning about the Maya civilisation and the religious beliefs of the Maya people. We will be looking at who the Maya people were and when and where in the world they lived. Y5/6 will be able to describe a range of foods that were eaten by the ancient Maya people and explain why certain foods were particularly significant. The children will be introduced to the number and writing systems that the Maya civilisation were responsible for introducing.

• **Homework**

Reading – In order for children to achieve their potential, it is pivotal that they read for 10-15 minutes at least 4 times per week, reading aloud to an adult preferable. Your child will have an academic diary given to them which will be used for their weekly spellings and also recording when your child has read at home.

- Spellings - we will be sending home six spellings each week for your child to practise and learn. We will be teaching these spellings explicitly in school and at the end of each term, the children will take part in a spelling test, which will contain a random selection of words sent home throughout the term.
- We have also produced a homework bingo grid which will be sent home and also posted on Class Dojo for your children to get creative with. Please send us your child's work on Class Dojo and your child will receive prizes in the form of house points, Dojo points and raffle tickets.

School Uniform

A gentle reminder to please ensure your child is coming into school daily with the correct school uniform of a yellow polo shirt, a black jumper, trousers/skirt/shorts/leggings and also black school shoes.

Healthy Schools

As part of the curriculum, we teach all children how to live a healthy lifestyle and ensure they are taking care of their bodies, both physically and mentally. It is fantastic to see that the children are coming into school each day with a water bottle, so thank you. As well as drinking plenty of water throughout the school day, we are encouraging the children to also eat healthily. We would appreciate your support in this by encouraging your children to have a healthy snack at play time each day and a healthy packed lunch.



PE

This term, our PE focus will be Netball. Please ensure that your children wear their school PE kit to school on these days: a yellow PE t-shirt, appropriate black jogging bottoms/shorts and trainers. Please note that the shorts need to be an appropriate length and can be worn under their jogging bottoms. A School jumper should be worn over the top or a plain black jumper.

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| Sycamore | Tuesday & Thursday |
| Yew | Tuesday & Thursday |

Forest School

Excitingly, your children will take part in Forest School sessions fortnightly throughout this year. Please ensure that your children are appropriately dressed for forest school, ensuring they are wearing clothes that they are happy to get dirty, suitable footwear and clothes that cover their arms and legs. Miss Horne will regularly remind each class of when it is their forest school session coming up on Class Dojo. On their forest school day, the children will be allowed to wear their forest school kit to school.

Please continue to use Class Dojo to share your home learning and see updates posted by your child's teacher. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us regarding queries, concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jones & Mr Vaughan