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Learning and achieving in a caring community

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

Our special chosen Bible story is the Parable of The Good Samaritan.

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Year 5 & 6 - Autumn - Term 1

'Mystic Mayans'

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back! We trust you have had a summer full of enjoyment, rest and recuperation and hope that you are able to enjoy this warm weather we are now experiencing. The UKS2 team are ready and raring to welcome your children back into school and we look forward to diving into our first topic which will span the next two terms. We warmly welcome Miss McGrory to the team and after successful teacher-training placement with us last year, we are really excited for her to share her love of gymnastics and PE with the children - she is a wonderful addition to the team. 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.

This term our topic is called 'Mystic Mayans'. The children will travel back in time to 1,500 BC to unravel some of the mysteries of the Mayan civilization. Through research, art and DT the children will be fully immersed in this fascinating historical period, exploring how the rainforest supported the Mayan way of life. They 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 Mayan civilisation were responsible for introducing.

Homework

Reading:

Children should continue to read for 15-20 minutes at least 4 times per week, reading aloud to an adult preferably. We would appreciate it if you could continue to sign your child's black diary each time they have read as these will be checked by staff in school weekly.

Spellings:

We will be sending home ten spellings each week for your child to practise and learn. We will be teaching these spellings explicitly in school and every 3 weeks the children will partake in a spelling test, which will contain a random selection of words sent home throughout the previous 3 weeks.

PE

This term, our PE focus will be invasion games and dance. On Tuesdays, we welcome back the coaches from Swindon Town Football club to support us in delivering high-quality PE lessons to the children. Please continue to ensure that your children wear their school PE kit to school on these days: a yellow PE t-shirt, black jogging bottoms or 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.

Yew	Tuesday (Ball games) & Wednesday (Dance)
Sycamore	Tuesday (Ball games) & Wednesday (Dance)
Oak	Tuesday (Ball games) & Friday (Dance)

In addition to this, we are very lucky to have Mrs Horne take the children to Forest school, once every three weeks. This means that on the week when your child has Forest school they will **only** have PE once. This will be the Tuesday session. We will continue to post reminders on Class dojo so you know who goes when! Please remember the appropriate clothing is long-trousers and a change of shoes. Obviously, if it is forecast to be wet the children will need waterproofs.

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, Mrs Rennie and Miss McGrory

