

**Maths** During this term, Year 5 will be solidifying all their learning on fractions and learning to apply this knowledge to different reasoning and problem solving questions.

We will then move on to further our learning on decimals and percentages, where the children will be learning to round beyond the decimal point, before looking at perimeter and area of shapes.

**English** We are so excited that World Book Week is back! During this time, we will be taking a whole school focus on poetry, looking at the art of telling a story through rhythm and figurative language. Our guided reading book is—'Oh Maya Gods' by Maz Evans.

In our units linked to our History topic, the children will be completing 2 units: newspaper reports and diary entries. They will identify the features within these forms of writing. From this, the children will then write their own reports and diary entries with a special focus on reported speech and structure.

**History** Our learning this half term is driven by History. Our topic is on the ancient Maya— an ancient civilisation who lived in the rainforests of Mexico and Central America. The children will be learning about where the Maya people are today, what their occupations are and the ways in which historians have learned so much about the Maya.

We will then compare all this learning to our prior learning of other ancient civilisations as well as what was happening in Britain at the same time.

**French** Year 5 will be talking about their family and friends! They will expand on their ever-growing French vocabulary to talk about where they live and who with!

**PE/Games** Our Monday PE is Athletics. Year 5 will practise a whole range of skills, including endurance running, jumping for height and exploring different throwing techniques.

On Wednesdays, Year 5 will be learning dance linked to our Maya Civilisation topic. They will be using rhythm, tempo and dynamics as well as their bodies in order to create and hold shapes linked to ancient Maya life.

## **Science**

In Science, the children will be looking at Forces. By the end of the unit they will be able to explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object. We will also be exploring other forces..

Not only this but Y5 also anticipate their trip to the Science Centre where they will develop on their learning of Space

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## **Art/Music**

In art, Year 5 will be using clay to create their own ancient Mayan artefacts. To decorate, we will be incorporating the use of orange, red and yellow to make them pop!

In music, we will look at 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air' with focus on tempo and rhythm. We will then be using the recorders to have a go at improvising and composing some additional bars to this piece!

## **RE**

This half term, the children will be focusing on Christianity. Our enquiry question is: 'What did Jesus do to save human beings?' During this unit, the children will explore gospel and prophecy texts to support their explanations on how Jesus' Salvation links to ways in which Christians celebrate Easter.

## **PSHE/ ICT**

Our PSHE theme this half term is 'Rights and Respect' Here, we will be having open discussion about how we can show respect towards something or someone and why this is so important.

Our ICT work will be on Data and Information. The children will learn all creating, structuring and planning a branching database.