



## Curriculum Newsletter for Year 5 Summer 2 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the summer term. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

PE day is now Tuesday; please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them.

Homework will go out on Thursday and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on Tuesday. Please ensure all homework is completed and handed in on time.

Free writing books – the children are able to write anything they wish in this book.

Our Topic for this half term is the Mayan Civilisation.

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In Literacy, we will be researching a poet, responding to their poetry and reciting familiar poems by heart. We will also explore film, write non chronological reports and read more fiction from our literary heritage.

We will also continue to improve our spelling, grammar and punctuation.

In Maths we are strengthening our skills and ability in the following areas: number and place value, multiplication and division, addition and subtraction, statistics, fractions, decimals and percentages and problem solving.

We will continue to test our times table knowledge and improve our mental maths skills.

We are preparing for the Etgar Jewish General Knowledge competition and will then continue to look at Tefillah (prayer) and philosophical questions around that.

In history, we will be exploring the Mayan Civilisation. We are going to be identifying Mayan artefacts, looking at the daily life of a Mayan, inventions, Mayan gods and important locations which are still visited today.

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Our Science topic this term is: forces. We will:

- explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object
- identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces
- recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect

In RE we will be learning about the mosque and its role in the Muslim community.

In PSHE we are going to have sessions on body image, relationships and sex education.

In PE we will be continuing to improve our technique and strategy through playing a range of sports and games as well as preparing for Sports Day.

In ICT we will be developing our coding skills using Purple Mash and integrating ICT in all of our subjects, particularly maths. We will also be using this time to access Times Table Rock Stars.