



Shakespeare Class - Year 5

Spring 2 Newsletter



What are we learning:



Our topic this term is: Who were the Maya? We will be heading back in time to discover who were the fascinating Maya civilisation and what can we learn from them. As one of the longest lasting human civilisations ever, we can learn so much about their rich history. We will be looking at their number and writing system, their beliefs, their architecture, the warriors, and of course, human sacrifice!

In English, we will be looking at writing a balanced argument. This will involve trying to write formally to put forward two sides to an argument. We will then be moving onto writing a biography. Our aim is to practise all of the new learning from this year, which includes: relative clauses, parenthesis and writing cohesively.

In maths, our focus will be fractions, decimals and percentages, and then moving onto perimeter and area. As always, timestable knowledge is essential to these areas, so we will encourage children to keep practising on TTRockstars to ensure they are fluent up to their 12 timestables.

In Science, our learning is around the human life cycle. We will be investigating how our body changes through each stage of life.



Our Christian Values



Our Christian values this term are:
Perseverance and
Respect

What are we Reading?

This term we will be reading Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

We will also be reading a range of picture books and graphic novels based around the Maya.



Homework

Each week, the homework expectation is:

- Complete the spelling assignment on EdShed:
- Complete 20 minutes per week on TTRockstars (practising all timestables.)
- To read each day, either their school book or a book of their choice.

There will be TTRockstars club on Wednesday lunchtimes and Spelling club on Friday lunchtimes to help support anyone who cannot access the apps that week.

Children may be asked to attend the clubs if they do not do the homework.

If you have lost or cannot access EdShed or TTRockstars, please let me know as soon as possible.

Extra Information

- Telling analog time appears to be an area year 5 need to work on. This is something we will continue to revisit. Any opportunity to discuss time on an analogue clock with your child will be hugely beneficial
- Could we have any spare shoe boxes that you have lying around. These will be used for a rainforest diorama, which we will complete next term.

Upcoming dates



- 2nd March - World Book Day
- 3rd March (3pm) - Open Classroom
- 13th to 17th March - British Science Week
- 24th March - Y5 Shakespeare Class Worship
- 31st March - Last day of term



PE and Music

PE will continue to be on Thursday, so the children will need to be in their PE kits.

Music will be on Tuesday afternoons, so children will need their instruments

Thank you for your continued support!

Please let us know if there's anything we can help with.

Thank you from Mr Symes, Mrs Clark, and Miss Wilkins.