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Year 5 - Johnson Class

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Welcome to Summer 1.

We are all very excited about the term ahead. We have lots of exciting plans.

Our Christian Values



Our Christian values this term are Respect and Forgiveness.

What are we learning?

Our key question this half term is: What can we learn from the Maya civilisation?

In English, we will be writing fictional narratives inspired by Anthony Browne's 'Gorilla'. We will then be moving on to writing non-fiction reports about gorillas, to tie in with our science topic on animals.

In maths, our focus is on shape, position and direction. Our key instant recall knowledge for this term is to count forwards or backwards in steps of powers of 10 for any given number up to 1,000,000.

Our science focus is on animals including humans, and our key scientists are Patrick Steptoe, Robert Edwards and Jean Purdy.

We will be learning all about the Maya civilisation in our history lessons, including finding out about fair trade chocolate.

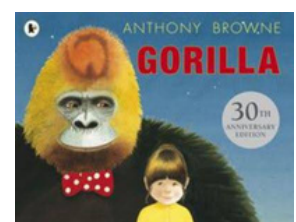
The children are already looking forward to our D&T project, as we will be making our own rekenrek abacuses.

We are reading...

We are still enjoying 'When the Sky Falls' by Phil Earle.



We will also be reading 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne.



This picture book can be understood on many levels and is sure to provoke discussion.

Homework

Each week, the homework expectation is to:

- Complete the spelling assignments on EdShed;
- Spend 20 minutes on TTRockstars (Garage mode);
- Read every day.

There is a lunchtime club for children to access the apps if they have not been able to do so at home.

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

If you cannot access EdShed or TTRockstars, please let us know as soon as possible.

TTRockstars and EdShed assignments reset on Friday.

P.E.

Our P.E. day is now Monday.

Part of our class has swimming lessons on Mondays this term (these families have already been notified). Swimmers will need to bring in a swimming costume or trunks and a towel on Mondays.

The rest of the class will have an extended P.E. session every Monday afternoon this summer.

All children, including swimmers, need to wear P.E. kit on Mondays. All jewellery must be removed, including earrings.

Long hair should be tied back in school.

Each child needs to bring their own water bottle every day. Breaktime snacks should be fresh fruit or vegetables.

Upcoming dates

Please note that this is a 5-week half term.

Mon 5th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

Fri 23rd May - Last day of term

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to any member of the Year 5 team.

Musician of the month

This half term we will be learning about and listening to music by Joni Mitchell

