

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big hello and welcome back from all the staff in Year 5 ☺ We hope you all had a lovely break over the summer and are ready for the new term ahead! Our topic for this term is 'Marvellous Maya' and the focus of our learning for the topic is History. See below for more information about what we are covering in each subject this half term.

You can find regular updates about our classes on our School Instagram page. Please search: **gmps.school**

If your child does anything at home that supports our topic, please send it in as it's always lovely to see their enthusiasm for their learning!

Maths	Place value, including rounding. Number – Addition and Subtraction, Number – Multiplication and Division. Fractions
English	This term we will be using various texts and short videos to facilitate our learning where we will be covering a range of writing purposes and audiences. In our writing sessions, we will start the year with writing a narrative based on the book The Skull by Jon Klassen.
Science	This term we are going to be covering the topics: Forces and the Earth and Beyond
History & Geography	This term is History! Our unit is called 'Marvellous Maya'. In Autumn 2 we will turn our attention to Geography where we will be learning all about water.
Computing	Computing systems and networks – systems and searching
French	In French we will be practising our French phonics to support our pronunciation throughout the year before moving on to our unit Little Red Riding Hood (Language Angels)
Music	In Autumn 1 we will be learning about Composition Notation (Theme: Ancient Egypt) before exploring 'blues' in Autumn 2.
R.E	In Autumn 1 we will be exploring the question 'What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving?'

	In Autumn 2 we will be exploring the question 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?'
Art & Design	In Autumn 1 we will be developing our artistic skills through exploring Typography and Maps.
DT	Food technology - Celebrating Culture and Seasonality - We will be designing and making Mexican Wraps in Autumn 2.
P.S.H.E.	In Autumn 1 we will learning about Families and relationships, followed by Health and Wellbeing in Autumn 2.
P.E .	Our indoor PE focus is gymnasics and outdoor is forest school.

Additional Information

P.E. kit	This half term our PE days are as follows: Autumn 1: Indoor PE Monday Outdoor PE Wednesday - The children will have 7 blocked Forest School sessions (whole afternoons) which will replace their outdoor PE session for this half term. On PE days, children should BRING their kit into school in their bag, they will get changed in class. PE kit continues to be either black or green shorts, plain black or green jogging bottoms, white PE t-shirt a green sweatshirt and trainers or pumps.
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Homework

Reading	Children should take their reading books home daily. Please help your child to keep their reading record up to date. This can be completed by your child, or yourselves but there should be regular evidence of reading outside of school.
Spelling	We have recently changed our spelling scheme to Sounds and Syllables, which means there will no longer be a spelling test. We will send home the weekly patterns that we have been working on in class for consolidation.
Maths	Maths Homework will be based on basic skills or recapping current learning. This will be given out each week on a Wednesday to be handed in by the following Monday. In addition, to this your child should be fluent in all their times tables (up to 12x12) by this point in KS2. Please ensure that your child is using Times Table Rockstars regularly to continue their practice.
Topic	Half termly curriculum homework will be set with several different challenges e.g. a quiz, poster, research, model making etc based on learning in class. Your child will need to do one activity per week. There are three activities that your child must complete during the half term – these will be shown in blue. For the other weeks they may pick an activity that interests them.

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Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Hulls, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Carey and the Year 5 team