

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back from the Christmas Holidays! I hope you were able to have a restful and enjoyable break.

English Writing	The Last Wild by Piers Torday. This is the first instalment of an exciting trilogy. Children will learn and revise many of the key grammar requirements of Year 5 and 6 and have opportunity to apply them within short and longer written outcomes, including their own version of a dystopian narrative
English Reading	Beetle Boy by MG Leonard. A Young teen searches for his father with the assistance of unusual beetles
Maths	Year 5: Multiplication and Division, Fractions and Decimals and Percentages. Year 6: Ratio, Algebra and Decimals
Science	Animals including Humans: During this unit of work, children will learn about the importance of the circulatory system and how it transports oxygen around our body. They will learn about the heart and how it is an important muscle in our bodies. Children will learn about their heart rate and different activities that can increase the heart rate. Children will learn about being healthy and things they can do to lead a healthy lifestyle as well as learning about things that people do that can cause them to be unhealthy.
Geography	Ancient Mayans: The first lessons explore who the Maya people were, when and where in the world they lived and the reasons why they were so successful, particularly in the Classic period. The lessons then move on to discovering how we know about the Maya people, their beliefs and the hierarchy system that was in place in society and the important inventions that they made, especially in farming.
Art	Exploring Identity: In this pathway children are introduced to artists who explore their identity within their art. Pupils explore how artists use various aspects of their identity, creating imagery which explores many different aspects within one image by using layers and juxtaposition. Children listen to how the artists construct their work, before working physically in drawing and collage or digitally on a tablet to make their own layered and constructed portrait.
R.E	We will be revisiting Judaism.
Computing	Computer Systems and Networks.

Maths: It is really important that children continue to develop their Maths fluency and basic skills. We are regularly practicing arithmetic skills in class and this is something you can support at home. We will also be sending home maths tasks as part of our homework. For timetables, we are using TimesTables.co.uk- this is a great resource for the children to use to practice their recall of times tables. They all have a login- the details should be inside of the front cover of their reading diary.

PE kits: PE lessons are on a Friday afternoon. Please make sure that your child brings their PE kit to school and keeps it at school on their peg in a drawstring type PE bag or carrier bag. For practical reasons it is unhelpful to put PE kit in a rucksack as they take up too much room on their peg. Please bring in spare socks or tights, as they get very wet during the winter months on wet grass.

Homework: Homework will be sent out every Monday, to be returned by the following Monday to be marked and the new homework set. Please feel free to bring the homework in sooner – there is a tray that the children will put their work into when they return it.

Home-reading: Please read with your child as much as possible. Sometimes it's not possible to read every day, so we ask for 3 reads a week to be signed by an adult in the reading log. This is checked every Friday.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me, either in person or via the school email.

Best wishes,

Miss Neill