

Dear Year 5/6 Parents and Carers,



We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and welcome back to the new term. We would like to take this opportunity to give you some details regarding your child's learning over the next term.

Our topic this term is called 'Mayan mystery'. This will focus on gaining an insight and understanding of the Mayan way of life. Children will consider how Mayans set up their society and decided their ethics using a variety of sources to help come to conclusions. Literacy will as much as possible have links to our topic such as exploring the text, The Hero Twins by Dan Jolley.

As a reminder, school reading books are not sent home in KS2. However, the children are encouraged to choose an appropriate book themselves and it would be extremely helpful if you support your child by choosing a book with them and regularly reading and discussing what they have read, at home.

It would be beneficial for your child if you could encourage them to join in with practical activities at home such as measure; using scales whilst cooking, and rulers for art and craft activities, as well as continuing to develop their times tables recall at speed and also supporting them with their homework.

PE days are as follows:

Mr Pawlett's - Ravens: Spring half term 1: Monday and Wednesday/Spring half term 2: Wednesdays and Fridays

Mr O'Neill's - Owls: Wednesday and Thursday

Mr Jiggins's – Swallows: Wednesday and Thursday

It is also important to have a **named** coat in school every day because the children will go outside for play time and some learning activities unless weather conditions prevent this. Coats need a hook for hanging on pegs due to a shortage of space.

Make sure that if your child brings a healthy snack for morning break it is included in this bag and not in their lunchbox. This should be a non-sugary snack as we encourage healthy choices at school and must not contain nuts.

As a reminder, weekly homework tasks will include; daily reading for 20 minutes, learning of spelling words and an optional English task. These can be found in the homework folder in purplemash. Children have been shown how to access these. Answers for these can also be found in purplemash and children are expected to mark their own. However they can always ask their class teacher for help if they would like to.

Thank you for all your support. Please get in touch if you have any problems or queries.

Yours sincerely

Mr Pawlett, Mr Jiggins, Mr O'Neill, Mrs Durant, Mrs Gladwell, Mrs Leonard, Mrs Maloney, Mrs Allen, Mrs Kent and Miss Sharp