

# Swavesey Primary School

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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 on the values of this society. Literacy will as much as possible have links to our topic such as exploring the text, The Hero Twins by Dan Jolley.

This term, PE days are as follows:

**Ravens** - Mr Pawlett's and Mr Jiggins: Tuesday and Wednesday

**Owls** - Mr O'Neill's: Tuesday and Thursday

**Swallows** - Mr Jiggins's and Mrs Faiers: Tuesday and Wednesday

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.

As a reminder, weekly homework tasks will include; daily reading for 20 minutes, learning of spelling words, a maths 2do activity set on purplemash and an optional weekly 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. There is also our optional termly topic homework, which this term gives a variety of options based on the Mayans. We strongly encourage all children to choose at least one activity over the term from these options and if they wish, they can bring in and show the class what they have created.

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

Yours sincerely

The Year 5/6 team

