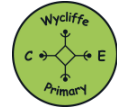


# Year 5 Newsletter

## Summer 1 2024



### All Different – All Equal



Year 5  
Beech & Laurel



Miss Parkinson, Miss Greaves, Mrs Borson & Miss Anwar

Our topic this half term is:  
**ANCIENT MAYAN CIVILIZATION:**  
**DO ASPECTS OF THE PAST INFLUENCE TODAY?**



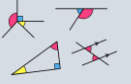
### English

Our class text is Oh Maya Gods written by Maz Evans. We will be using this text to help us to write a diary entry influenced by the Ancient Mayan Civilisation. We will also write a traditional tale based on a Mayan myth.



### Maths

This half term, we will be learning how to calculate the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes. We will be learning about statistics through reading, interpreting and drawing line graphs as well as reading and interpreting tables and timetables. Following on from this, we will also be learning about the different types of angles and how to calculate them.



### GEOGRAPHY / HISTORY

Our learning in History will be learning about Ancient Maya and our big question is "Do aspects of the past influence today?". We will explore who the Ancient Mayans were and where they lived as well as their groundbreaking ideas that have helped shaped the way that we live our lives today. To draw similarities and differences between ancient civilisations, we will also recap some prior learning on the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age.



### Science

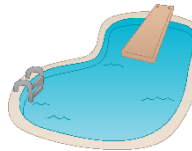
In Science we will be learning about the changes that humans go through as they develop to old age. This will include learning about the growth and development of humans at different stages and revisiting the topic of puberty.

An additional letter has been sent out regarding the teaching of Science this half term.



### PE

On a Tuesday we will be going swimming. Please ensure you bring your swimming kit in to school every Tuesday. Our other PE lesson (for both classes) will be on a **Thursday**. This half term we will be developing our skills in Athletics. Please remember to come in your full kit, with long hair already tied back. Earrings will need to be removed or please provide tape to cover them.



### Art

This half term we will be making our own Aztec sun. We will be using clay to create our interpretation. Before beginning our creations, we will research their importance to the Mayan civilization.



### RE

This half term our big question is: What does it mean for a Muslim to follow God? We will be learning about the five pillars of Islam and developing our understanding of the importance of the Qur'an for Muslims.



### PSHE

Our big question is 'How can we help in an accident or an emergency?'. Within this topic, we will be learning all about first aid and how to carry it out as well as what to do in an emergency.



### French

This half term in French our topic is 'Traditions et Célébrations' (Traditions & Celebrations). Within this topic, we will use key French question words related to famous traditions and famous celebrations in French-speaking countries.



### Computing

In Computing, we will be making vector drawings – art made on a computer not hand drawn!



### Music

In Music, we will be looking at the unit 'Dancing In The Street'. We will listen to and appraise a variety of Motown songs.



### Homework

Please use the hexagons in your homework folder to produce a piece of work about the Ancient Mayan Civilization. This could include researching the Mayan civilization, designing your own temple, creating your own hot chocolate recipe, or an idea of your own. The ideas on the hexagons in your homework folder can be used or you can think of your own creative idea! Please bring your homework in as soon as it is done so that we can produce a display outside our classroom or at the latest by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### Reading, Spellings and Learn by Hearts

In school, we aim to read with your child at least once a week. Please therefore ensure that your reading record and reading book are in school daily. Remember to record your home reading, which should be as often as possible but at least twice a week. Use Accelerated Reader regularly, ensuring that you complete the quiz after each book- don't forget to record your quiz scores in the back of your diary! Timestable Rockstars and Spelling Frame should also be accessed regularly- please use your login which is in your reading record. Spellings and Learn by Hearts should be learnt ready for our weekly test on a Friday. Ensure homework folders are in school every Friday.

