



Spring Term

Class 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a peaceful and joyful Christmas and are ready for 2018. I look forward to catching up with you and discussing your child's progress at Parents' Evening later in the term.

If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Miss Evans

Important Information

English

This term, we will be particularly focusing on our English skills (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Our extended pieces of writing will link to our topic and allow opportunities for the application of our writing skills. We will look at adverts, stories from other cultures and informational texts.

Our class novel for this term is *Journey to the River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson.

Homework

Homework will be given once a week and is expected to be handed in completed on a Thursday. This will include writing, reading, maths and topic work.

It is expected that children will be reading *most days*—out loud when possible.

Rapid recall is becoming an essential requirement in maths so please practise multiplication and division facts as often as possible.



Article 28: Every child has the right to an education

Maths

This term we will continue to work on the basic foundation skills in maths and begin to apply them to fractions, percentages, decimals, algebra and ratio.

We are going to focus particularly on our reasoning and problem solving skills, which will be addressed across the curriculum.

P.E.

Please note our PE sessions have changed and will now be on *Mondays* and *Fridays*.

Please ensure your children have the correct PE kit stipulated in the uniform policy and that it is clearly named to avoid any upset.

We will be applying our skills to a range of games and working on our teamwork skills.





Learning Web



Geography

Our focus this term will be on the human and physical geography of Central and South America.

We will look at the importance of trade to the UK and particularly the fair trade in El Salvador.

We will also be looking at the physical geography of the Amazon and how important it is to us.

History

After half term, we will turn our attention outside of Europe to study the mysterious Ancient Mayans.

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As part of our research into fair trade and the Ancient Mayans, we will try our hands at cooking a traditional tortilla.

Modern Foreign Language

We will continue to study Spanish as our main language and will be covering a range of basic conversational phrases, with opportunities to progress to writing.

Science

We will be linking our geographical study of the Amazon to a scientific exploration of living things and their habitats. The focus will be on habitats and how animals have adapted to suit their environments.

Music

Brass will now be on *Mondays* so please ensure your child brings their instrument.

We will also be looking at traditional Latin American music—get ready to salsa!

Computing

Our focus will be on digital literacy this term. We will be learning how to keep ourselves and each other safe online.

We will continue to use a variety of programmes to support our learning in other topic areas, including safe search engines, iPad apps such as PicCollage and Microsoft Office on laptops.

R.E.

Our topics for this term are:
Mission, Memorial Sacrifice and Sacrifice.

Children will also be given the opportunity to plan and lead collective worship in the classroom and in whole school assemblies. So we are pleased to invite you to our class assembly to celebrate the Hindu Holi Festival on **Friday 2nd March at 9.00.**



Article 29: Education should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest.

