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Dear Parents/Carers,

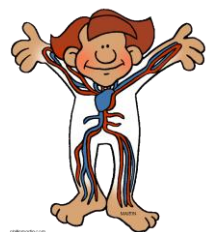
This letter outlines the curriculum for Years 5 and 6 for the Spring Term.

Our **Maths** topics this half-term include fractions (adding and subtracting fractions, ordering fractions, equivalence), algebraic reasoning, division involving remainders and fractions, geometric reasoning, percentages, area and perimeter, spatial reasoning (volume), ratio and scaling & positional reasoning (angles and translation).



In **English** this term we will be studying the book 'The Chocolate Tree' linked to Maya folk stories. We will use these to write a balanced discussion and a persuasive letter. We will be writing instructions linked to our D.T. work. We will also look at recount writing and vocabulary building through poetry. The grammar and punctuation skills will be taught through these subjects. Spelling will be sent on a Tuesday and tested the following Monday. weekly.

In **R.E.** this term we will be continuing to learn about Christianity and Judaism and the feasts of Purim and Easter.



In **Science** this term, we will be looking at the different systems in the human body including the circulatory system. We will also be learning about the positive impacts of a healthy diet and regular exercise.

Our **Computing** topic this half term is 'We are game developers'.

We are studying the Ancient Mayas in **History**. This includes looking at who, where and when they lived. We will find out about their writing systems, farming, food and cooking (linked to DT), celebrations and religion.



In **Geography** our topic is 'Mexico'. We will be comparing life in Mexico to the UK. We will study how the Mexican environment is changing and settlements in cities, villages and rainforests. We will also look at farming and industry.



In **Art** our focus is the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. We will explore her work and create our own artwork inspired by her themes and techniques.



Our **Design and Technology** topic is all about chocolate! We will be making hot chocolate Maya style and we will be researching, designing and creating our own hot chocolate using various flavours and decorations.

In **Music** this term, children will be learning how to play the Ukulele. These lessons will be delivered by a member of staff from the Hertfordshire Wider Opportunities Music Scheme.



During our **P.E.** and **Games** lessons this term, we will be covering dance on a Friday and tag rugby on a Monday. Please make sure appropriate kits are in school on these days.

In **French** this half term we will be learning the weather and about French culture.

Finally, in **PSHE** this term, our topics cover 'Do what you want to do' and 'A picture of Health'.

Homework will now be sent out every Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. The children will be bringing home a homework diary with their task in it. Please check and sign this weekly.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries/questions about the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dill