



A message from Miss Hawkins:

I am very excited for a new half term in Year 5 to begin!

Please don't hesitate to contact myself, or the school office, with any questions.

Writing

In our writing lesson this half term, we will be reading a book called *Little Badman and the rise of the Punjabi Zombies* by Humza Arshad. We will be using this as inspiration to write our own humorous narratives!

After this, we will be using a text called *Where the river takes us* to inspire us to write persuasive adverts! We will use devices such as alliteration and repetition to help us be persuasive.

Reading

As well as reading *Little Badman and the rise of the Punjabi Zombies* by Humza Arshad, Maple 1 will be enjoying the book *Wonder* by R.J.Palacio during daily story time sessions.

In reading lessons, Year 5 will take part in our twice-weekly 'Reading Theatre' sessions, where they will continue to build confidence and skill in reading aloud, developing their pace, fluency, expression, and prosody. In addition, the class will continue to develop their retrieval, inference and predicting skills.

Maths

After finishing our unit all about reading and interpreting line graphs and timetables, Maple 1 will spend much of Autumn 2 focusing on multiplication and division. In this unit, they will focus on understanding factors, multiples and squares before moving onto exploring both mental and formal methods for multiplication and division.

Just before Christmas, we will spend some time focusing on perimeter and area and will learn how to calculate the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes.

Science

In autumn 2, Maple 1 will be learning all about forces and how they act on different objects.

We will also be able to explain that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to



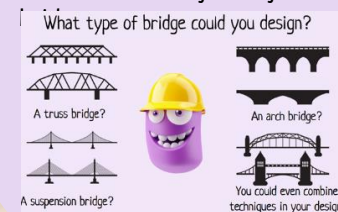
History

This half term, children will be learning about the Maya. They will learn:

- who the Mayans were
- what they're known for
- what the Mayans believed in
- why Mayan cities were found near good trade routes and farmland

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In Design and Technology, the children will be learning to design, make and evaluate structures in the form of



PE

In PE, Maple 1 will be doing tag rugby and netball this half term.

Please send your children to school in **PE kit**, suitable for outside in the winter months, on **Mondays and Thursdays**.

Wider curriculum

Music – 'Building blocks of music'

RE – Christianity: incarnation

PSHE – Celebrating Difference

Computing – Sharing information safely

Spanish – Ice creams!

Home learning

Homework will continue to be set every Wednesday and will be due in the following Tuesday. This weekly homework will continue to ask pupils to read at least 3X per week, learn times tables via TTRS, complete a printed spelling practise sheet, as well as complete an oracy task.

There will also be an extended project linked to our wider curriculum.