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Jesus in all we do'

Year 5 Curriculum Letter Spring 2023

13.1.23

Dear Year 5,

Welcome back after a much-needed Christmas break. We hope you have all had a lovely rest and are ready to go this term.

In English, we will continue to follow the Write Stuff scheme of learning. First we will be using the short film 'One Small Step' as our inspiration for sentence construction lessons leading into an independent writing task.

In Maths, please make sure you are constantly testing yourself on your times tables to ensure quick recall of these facts. This term we will be concentrating on fractions, decimals and multiplication and division.

For our topic work, we will be studying 'The Americas', specifically Mexico and the Mayans – we will be learning about different geographical concepts and skills, such as climate zones, focussing on Mexico and South America. We will then turn our attention to the achievements and legacy of the Ancient Maya civilisation, using our historical enquiry skills to explore the food they ate, the way they lived and their writing and mathematical ideas.

In RE, we will be looking at Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We will continue to come together as a class every Wednesday for collective worship.

'Properties of Materials' is our topic in science this term. We will be investigating how different materials can be dissolved, mixed and filtered, amongst other things. Mrs Clarke will be teaching your science lessons on a Thursday.

We will be swimming on Monday morning during the first half term for PE and focussing on gymnastics in our other PE lesson. **Please note PE kit will be required on the following days: Monday and Friday (Swimming kit underneath on Monday).**

Happy New Year everybody!

Mr Bowring & Mrs Masters

