

Year 5

Wednesday 10th January 2018

Term 3 - January 2018

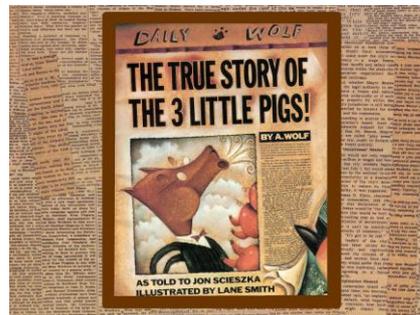
Happy New Year everyone!

I hope you all had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break. We have lots of exciting learning to do this term:

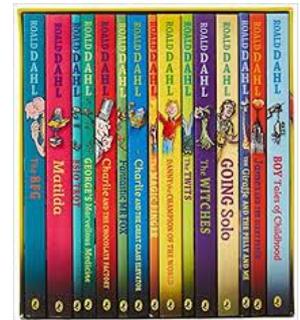
Our new History topic is 'The Mayans - Ancient Maya Civilisations'. In English, we will be focussing on different versions of 'Fairy tales and Nursery Rhymes' to be in keeping with our first special curriculum week which is taking place in Week 2.



The ancient Maya Civilisation



Alternative Fairy-tales



Reading lists

We will continue to focus on mathematical mental agility and speed in our Maths Passports activities on Thursdays. Spellings also remain a priority as we continue to master the Year 5 & 6 spelling list - these are stuck into the back of the children's homework books. Pupils generally seem to find the homophones and near homophones particularly tricky, so please focus on these (their, there, they're etc.) We will continue to have our spelling tests on Thursdays.

It is very important that pupils keep up with their reading; trying new authors, reading a range of genres, sticking at longer texts and developing their reading stamina so I am sending home a recommended reading list for Year 5, for those pupils who are stuck for what to read next, or who would like to try something different. The list is by no means an exhaustive one and we do not necessarily have all the titles in school, but they might be titles you could look out for in your local library or book shop. Please remember that as a school, we are promoting a love of literature by encouraging pupils to donate a book on their birthday, rather than bringing in sweets. Any books donated are labelled and kept in the class book corner for everyone to enjoy.

Our PE days this term are Mondays (with Mrs Saunders) and Tuesdays (with Coach Gurdip). Please ensure that children have their PE kit in at all times and that all items are named. If your child cannot participate in PE, please can you advise us of the reason in writing, via the contact book or in a letter.

Please remember to make sure your child has a water bottle with them each day and, if they would like one, a healthy snack (fruit or vegetables). Please remember not to send in any products containing nuts.

Please see the school newsletter for any diary dates for this term.

As always, please feel free to discuss any matters or concerns you may have via the contact book, or at the end of the school day.

Dates to remember:

Wednesday 10th January

Yr 2 - Meet the Teachers sessions - 5.30pm and 6.30pm

Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th January	Years R-6 - Special Curriculum Week - costume required Friday 19th
Tuesday 23 rd January	Family Trust Assembly
Friday 26 th January	FOMS Film Night - details to be confirmed
Wednesday 31 st January	Yr 1 - Class Assembly 9.10am - parents welcome
Tuesday 6 th February	Yr 4 - Visit from a Roman
Wednesday 7 th February	Yr 4 - Class Assembly 9.10am - parents welcome
Friday 9 th February	Last day of Term 3

The Year 5 Team

Mrs Pearson, Mrs Saunders (T.A.) and Mrs Collins (1 : 1)