



Y5 Term 2 Curriculum 2023

Dear Y5 Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new school term as we head through autumn towards winter. You will recall that our learning is now based all around 'Big' questions, children researching and having hands on experiences. Below is an outline of the questions that your child will be learning to answer over the next few weeks. We hope that this gives you information on what's happening in school but also allow you to support, research and enhance understanding at home.

As readers, all Y5 children will be reading from 'The Dam' by David Almond and Levi Pinfold. It tells the story of a village long lost after the deliberate flooding of an area to create a reservoir. As writers we will learn how to letters of persuasion to those who may influence decisions that affect others. Feel free to read 'The Dam' at home with your child.

In maths lessons we follow a mastery approach. This means that we immerse and broaden a child's mathematical understanding before moving on. Our main study will be with fractions, their equivalence, and common factors.

As scientists we will be answering '**How do we get night and day?**' (Earth's rotation, the solar system, and the orbits of heavenly bodies around the sun and Milky Way) We will learn about the work of Stephen Hawking and the adversities he faced.

We are learning to be historians. Our Big question for Term 2 is '**How did the Maya rule and how was the Maya region like England leading up to the 10th century?**' We will explore who and where the Maya civilisation was and where they were in the world drawing similarities with life in Medieval England. Finally, we will explore the pros and cons of the leadership of both societies.

In RE we ask, '**Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah?**' and will explore what history tells us the people of Israel needed at the time. In PSHE we are asking '**Are we all the same?**' later learning about racism, cultures and bullying. In Design Technology we ask, '**How can I make a chassis and launch mechanism?**' designing a vehicle and using a power source to launch it.

We hope this information gives you an ongoing picture of what your child will be learning at school and very much look forward to sharing the results of learning with you during our open event in the last week of this half term in December.