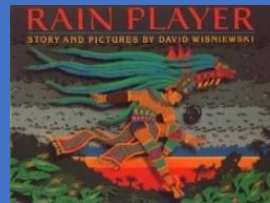


Year 5: Our Learning This Half Term

Year 5: Autumn 1	Key Dates
This term, our over-arching theme will be the ancient Maya civilisation. This will be our history focus and will also link to our English and Art lessons. In our first outdoor PE lesson, we will be looking for children to compete in the inter-school cross country competition. All children will be running laps of the field so we can decide a team. The fastest children in the year group will be invited to compete in the events, which will take place on Thursday 24 th September (boys) and Tuesday 29 th September (girls). We look forward to seeing parents at the meet the teacher meetings and later in the half-term at the formal consultations.	Meet the teacher meeting – Wednesday 9 th September 5:00pm – 6:00pm PTA social event – Friday 25 th September Parent-teacher consultations -Wednesday 21 st and Thursday 22 nd October

English	We are starting the term by looking at the story of <i>The Rain Player</i> , which takes place in the Ancient Maya civilisation. This book will be the basis for a range of creative writing including creating descriptions including figurative language. The children will then writing a diary in role as a person living in ancient Maya times before the focus switches to non-fiction.	<u>Our Literature</u> 
Maths	We will be starting the year focusing on place value. The children will learn how to read and write Roman numerals to 1000 before they move onto place value in numbers up to a million. This will include partitioning, comparing, ordering and rounding numbers. We will then move onto methods for addition and subtraction, including formal written methods. The half term will finish with a focus on multiples, factors, primes, square numbers and cube numbers.	
Science	In science, the children will be learning about forces. They will be investigating the forces of gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance through practical experiments. They will also learn about how levers, gears and pulleys can be used.	
Humanities	The children will be finding out why the ancient Maya are considered an advanced civilisation by exploring their society, beliefs, language and technology.	
Art / Design & Technology	3D art is the focus for this half-term. The children will be creating their own mask inspired by ancient Maya designs by using papier mache.	
Music	The children will be learning Spanish songs then moving onto playing tunes using glockenspiels.	
Religious Education	The unit we will be covering is 'What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving?' Within this unit, pupils will learn about what Christians believe God is like, exploring key texts from the Bible.	
Physical Education	In indoor PE lessons, the children will be developing their gymnastic skills including balances, jumps and rolls. In outdoor sessions, the focus will be on netball including using tactics in team games.	
Personal & Social Development	The focus will be on how to be a good friend and on how to maintain friendships.	
Modern Foreign Language	In Year 5, the children will be starting to learn Spanish. This half term, the children will be learning to greet someone and introduce themselves. They will also learn: to count to 20; to ask someone their age and reply with their own; and express their nationality and the country they live in .	
Computing	We start the year focusing on online safety. The children will explore benefits and risks of online communication, including the topics of online bullying and how sharing images can have consequences. Additionally, the children will learn about the role AI is playing in modern life.	