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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our newsletter for Spring Two!

This half term we are learning all about the Ancient Maya. In **history**, we will begin by understanding who the Maya were and we will then compare their lives to the lives of the Anglo Saxons. We will compare the two Ancient Civilisations in our history outcome at the end of the half term. In **English**, the children will be retelling an element of Disney's 'Coco', which links to our Maya topic. The children will devise exciting similes and metaphors which will enable them to describe Miguel's journey as he faces his ancestors. We will then be reading Max's guide to surviving the underworld and writing an instruction text.

Some resources you could use to learn more at home are:

- BBC Bitesize: explore Maya Civilisation further - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw>
- Find out more about the life of Pakal the Great - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zv4x6yc>



In **maths**, we are going to be building on our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages. We will need to use all the understanding we have gained so far so that we can then identify equivalencies between fractions, decimals and percentages. Our times tables will also be useful for this, so keep practicing as much as you can.

In **art**, the children are going to be studying architecture. They will start by creating observational drawings and will then study various artists to inspire them. The children will also create their own monoprints and will begin to think like architects. We will think about how this links to the history of the Maya and how they built grand structures.

In **science**, we will be studying the properties of materials, building on our learning from KS1 about materials. We are also planning an exciting trip to the National Science and Media Museum for British Science week. More details to follow.



## Homework expectations

Please take some time to look at the following table to see what your child should be doing at home to extend their learning:

Activity/Task	Frequency
Reading their book band book	X3 a week
TT Rockstar - Soundcheck	Daily – for 10 minutes
Spelling Shed	Daily - for 5 minutes

You should already have your Spelling Shed and TTRockstars logins, but please let us know if you are having any problems accessing this at home. Please also make sure you are trying your best to read at home: even if it's just two pages each night.

## Homework Challenge

Can you create your own Mayan themed game just like Pok-a-Tok?

Here is a video to help: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYIJCohv17g>

You could think about the rules of your game, where it could be played and what equipment would be needed to play your game.

We would love to hear your ideas!

## P.E

Our P.E Day this year is **Friday**. Please send your child to school in their P.E kit on this day.

Thank you!

The Year Five team