

Welcome to Year 5!

Hi, I hope you have all had a lovely relaxing summer and have enjoyed all the hot weather we have had! I look forward to working with you all in this coming year. We will be working hard every day and we will have fun and enjoy learning together. Please come up and ask me or Mrs Sheldon if you have any questions about the coming year.

Mr Skoyles and Mrs Sheldon

Independence Championship

Each week during time to shine, the class champion will be crowned. Throughout the week, the children have the opportunity to earn points for showing a range of different skills. The person who has the most points at the end of the week wins the championship – simple!

The most important thing to understand is that there is no guarantee that every child in Year 5 will win the championship. It is possible to win it more than once or to never win it all – it all depends on your learning attitude!

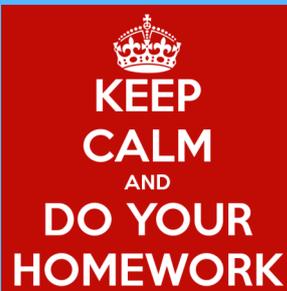
These are the traits we will be looking

for!

Resilience
Teamwork

Focus and Dedication

Responsibility



Homework

Daily homework (reading and tables) and spelling books have will stay the same this term, with new spelling patterns being given out on Mondays.

The Class Novel for this term is....

The Serpent King!

Ryan Flint and Cleo McNeil are in Mexico searching for the burial site of an ancient Maya King. While Cleo is determined to solve the mystery of Jaguar Paw's death, Ryan has another mission even close to his heart—the search for his father. The stakes are much higher than they could have possibly imagines.

Can Cleo and Ryan solve the mystery in time?



Water Bottles

Can all children please bring a water bottle into school each day with them. No juice please— just water!



Year 5 reading at home

A target for the class this year is to improve our love of reading. We need to be reading at home every week and it doesn't need to book—it can be a newspaper or a blog! Every Friday morning we will be having a book club meeting, where children can share their favourite books with the hope of getting children interested in reading. Reading helps in so many different ways in school and it is an important that it is done.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come and ask me or Mrs Sheldon.

Afternoons!

Ancient Civilisations

Our topic this term is all about Ancient Civilisations, but more specifically we are looking at Mayans. Mayans are a fascinating people and some of their buildings are spectacular to look at. We will be exploring their lives and looking at how they survived in Central America. Our class novel will help us to explore their animal beings and writing messages in hieroglyphics. I am particularly looking forward to our Maths lesson in topic where we will be plotting routes round Tudhoe using Mayan methods for measuring distances... steps!

In Geography, we will be exploring where the Mayans lived in Central America and what the surroundings would have been like. It is a fascinating part of the world where we can look at Chichen Itza and other parts of the Jungle.



PE Kit

This term PE will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This means that pupils will need sensible indoor PE kit. Most importantly, pupils must have sensible trainers to be able to fully take part in PE lessons.

Once a week, we will also visit the 'Little Gym'. Pupils should have full PE kit in school every day and are encouraged to bring a separate kit for clubs. All jewellery, including earrings, must be removed during PE sessions.



Afternoon challenge!

My challenge to you all in afternoon lessons is to come to each lesson with a new fact about either our topic or in your Science lessons!

If you complete this task, not only will you be showing your independence skills to myself and Mrs Pickard, but you will be showing commitment and dedication to your work. Little things like this build up into a bank of knowledge which can make your learning more fun and interesting!

I CHALLENGE YOU!