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Year 5 Autumn 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all of year 5! We hope everyone had a lovely half term break and that your children enjoyed our topic about Space. This half term we will be learning about ancient civilisations and we will be reading *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman.

English

We are beginning this half term by looking at Lila's journey to become a firework maker. We will be writing a first-person diary entry focusing on setting and characters emotions as well as writing a formal, persuasive letter.

Maths

Our maths unit will be focusing on fractions, geometry, measurement and time. You can continue to support your child at home with Maths by ensuring that they know and regularly practice their times tables using TT Rockstars. Every child has access and their own login to this.

Science

We will be learning about the human circulation system; how blood travels around the body, how oxygen is used by the body and the importance of having a healthy heart. The Knowledge Organiser for this unit of science is on our website for you to view. We will be working through the subjects on this organiser and have provided it for you so that you also have an understanding of the coverage.

History

Linked to our topic on ancient civilisations we will be learning about how the Mayan civilisations compared to the Anglo Saxons. We will be learning about who the Maya were and when they lived.

Art

We will be looking at some Mayan art and making our own Mayan masks using papier mâché techniques.



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RE/Global Neighbours

In religious studies we will be looking at incarnation and the interpretations of the birth narrative of Jesus.

Computing

Data handling: Mars Rover. Looking at computer systems in space.

PDL/No Outsiders/Evolve

In PDL we will be looking at Celebrating difference in other countries. The book for No Outsiders is called 'Mixed'.

MFL (French)

French monsters. Looking at French grammar and writing a simple sentence.

PE

This half term, we are going to be doing athletics with Portsmouth in the Community and team games. Our PE days for this half term will be on **Tuesday and Thursday**. Children will need to come dressed for PE on these days and wear appropriate clothing for the changeable weather. Can we ask that children wear proper trainers (not plimsolls) and they wear blue or black tracksuits for when they are outside. Please remember that children should have their hair tied back and should not be wearing jewellery. Please provide earring tape if your child cannot take out their stud earrings.

Uniform

We do ask that all the children come to school looking smart in their uniform. Please be reminded that shoes (not trainers) should be plain black and without colour, including white. Please make sure everything is **NAMED**. Jewellery should not be worn to school (only stud earrings are allowed).



Water bottles

Can you please provide a **NAMED** water bottle for your child to bring into the classroom daily. Remember we ask these are filled with only water or sugar free squash. The bottles will be taken home after each day to be cleaned and refilled for the following day.



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Reading at home

It is still expected that your children read at least five times a week and this is recorded in their reading diaries which they will be taking home each day.

Communication

Each morning the class teacher will be at the gates, if you need to pass on any information, please do so then. However, due to staggered starting and finishing times throughout the school, we ask if you need to discuss anything with the teacher to make an appointment when convenient. We do understand that some parents work, and are not around at the start or end of the day, so please feel free to write a message for your child to hand to their teacher or call the office and the class teacher will give you a call. You can also email us at year5@st-johns-gosport.hants.sch.uk. We check this email as least twice a week.

Homework

Every Friday, your child will be set new assignments on Ed Shed where the children will practise their spelling and SPaG work and they will be expected to practise their times tables on TT Rockstars.

There is a homework project this half term. Details of this can be found at the bottom of this letter.

Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to working with you all this year.

Mrs James and Mrs Goulding (the year 5 team).



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Autumn 2 - Home learning project Year 5

This half-term, we would like the children to find out more about 'The Maya'.

They can create any of the below ideas;

- A fact file about Mayan artefacts
- Create their own Mayan jewellery
- Make a Mayan pyramid temple
- Write their own Mayan creation story
- Prepare a meal using Mayan ingredients (tortillas, avocados, beans, corn, squash and root vegetables)
- Research and make a poster about one of the Mayan Gods

Any homework needs to be brought in by Friday 12th December 2025.



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