

Year 5

Curriculum Overview



Spring 2



Monkspath School

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This is a brief overview of the curriculum that will be taught in Year 5 this half term. The main focus of our learning is the Mayas. The Mayan civilisation c. AD900, a non-European society will be used as a contrast to the history of Britain. There will be daily English and Maths lessons which may include cross-curricular learning. The other subjects are taught in a more fluid manner in order to make as many purposeful links as possible. For example, in some weeks we may teach no history, whereas in other weeks a substantial proportion of the timetable will have a history focus. On occasions, some elements of this curriculum plan may be adapted to meet the needs and interests of the children.

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English	<p>We will continue to explore modern fiction, focusing on Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets or the Nowhere Emporium. We will use these texts to inspire our writing in a variety of genres.</p> <p>As part of literacy the children will also be studying the grammatical features of the English language.</p> <p>This term, the children will be concentrating on comprehension skills and the deeper understanding of texts.</p> <p>Key skills to practise at home</p> <p>The children should continue to read regularly at home independently and with an adult providing the opportunity to discuss their reading in order to deepen their understanding.</p> <p>We would encourage children to work on their presentation of written homework in order to improve their handwriting.</p> <p>All homework should be completed with their targets in mind ensuring work is accurately punctuated. Please make sure that children are recording their reading in their organisers each week so that we can monitor it.</p> <p>Please ensure you support your children in learning their spellings each week.</p> <p>Encourage the children to research the Maya through a visit to the library or use of the Internet.</p>

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Maths	<p>Your child will be developing their knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decimals (up to 3 decimal places)• Decimal squares• Division with remainders• Recognise and use thousandths and relate them to the tenths, hundredths and decimal equivalents• Read, write, order and compare numbers with up to 3 decimal places• Solve problems which require knowing percentage and decimal equivalents of fractions <p>Your child will also have the opportunity to develop this knowledge through using and applying their skills through problem solving challenges.</p> <p>Key skills to practise at home Support and encouragement with homework is extremely valuable in building confidence and exploring different ways to solve problems. It is critical that your child has fast recall of all multiplication tables up to and including 12×12. If they are secure in this please move onto learning related division facts e.g. $6 \times 4 = 24$ therefore $24 \div 6 = 4$. It may be useful to encourage your child to solve logic puzzles, play chess, draughts, complete Sudoku etc. to encourage confidence in problem solving and thinking ahead.</p>
Science	The children will experiment with different components in circuits and learn to use symbols in circuit diagrams.
History	We will continue to learn about the Maya civilisation c. AD900, a non-European society. We will study the Maya people, their culture, myths and their daily lives. This will then be used as a contrast to British history.
Geography	With links to our History topic, we will study maps of Central America.
Design Technology	We will be learning about structures and consolidating our knowledge of 3D shapes. We will learn how to construct strong structures using appropriate cutting and joining methods. The children will construct a model bird hide.
Computing	We will continue to work on designing and developing our own websites, whilst exploring strategies to stay safe online.
Spanish	The children will be further developing their understanding of the Spanish language through learning vocabulary linked to towns, shops and directions.



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Music	We will continue to listen to music and then create and perform our own rhythms.
R.E.	The children will learn about Easter and reconciliation.
P.E.	The children will be developing their cricket skills through the Warwickshire chance to shine programme and taking part in a cricket festival. They will also continue with their dance and gymnastics.
Other aspects of learning	Incorporating the school values, Building Learning Power and SEAL, the children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of how to solve conflicts through restorative thinking. Some of the children will be taking part in a residential trip to the Pioneer Centre to do outdoor activities.



Below are our agreed **whole school values** which are positive, shared and highly prized by us all.

And...

because values are worth more when they are passed on, we share them with you here.

Ambition

Happiness

Respect

Equality

Friendship

Individuality

Honesty

Innovation

Co-operation

Self-Esteem

Celebration

Responsibility