



Dear Parents/Carers

### **Year 5 – Curriculum Information – Terms 5 & 6**



In term 5 and 6 we are studying **Mexico and Mayans**. Our pupils will continue to use different sources of research e.g. books, pictures, artefacts, internet to find out about Mexico and the Mayans. They will describe and understand the similarities and differences between Mexico and the UK, while understanding the terms HUMAN and PHYSICAL geography. They will further their knowledge of maps, atlases and globes to name and locate countries and cities of the world. They will be able to place the Ancient civilization of the Mayans in time and describe the legacy of the Ancient Mayan civilization on the modern world.

### **English Skills**

In our reading and writing we are focusing on non-chronological report writing and fact files linked to our Mexico topic. Our text for term 5 is Journey to Jo'burg. We will study the key events of the book. We will also focus on newspaper report writing. In term 6 we are reading Journey to the River Sea. We will be writing biographies based on the events of this text and applying many skills. In addition we will focus on aspects of poetry including structure and vocabulary choices. We focus on many skills in reading and writing and aim to combine the skills across the two subjects to build up a bank of knowledge within our pupils.

### **Maths Skills**

Children will continue to develop their mental and written calculations of all four operations. Fractions, ratio and proportion, decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions will also be covered this term. Geometry: position and direction – children will learn about plotting in 2 quadrants, reflecting and translating shapes. Aspects of problem solving, reasoning and algebra are taught and investigated every day.

In **Science** we will be studying reproduction in plants and animals as well as their life cycles.  
In **Computing** the children will become Cryptographers and bloggers.  
**Our PE** topics are Cricket and Athletics. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school.  
**RE** In RE we are looking at Mayan gods and studying Humanism.

Term 5 and 6 art will focus on sculpture and 3D. Our featured artists are Alberto Giacometti and Daniel Ortega.



### **Home Learning**

We would appreciate 15 minutes of home reading every night signed by an adult in reading journals. As well as encouraging our children to read at home each evening, we also expect the children to practice their timetables.

If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to come in to see us and we'd be happy to talk with you.

We hope you and your child enjoy learning together in partnership with all the staff at Twydall Primary School.

With regards

**The Year 5 Team**

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**The 4 C's - *Care, Courtesy, Commitment, Consideration***

