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VTP/ELB/MCO/Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter/Term 2 of 2020-2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Term 2, Year 5 will be learning about The Mayans, the indigenous people of Mexico and Central America. Through cross curricular activities, the children will be enriched in gaining a solid understanding of many different aspects of Mayan life. This includes their developed writing system.

Within maths lessons, the children will investigate how to multiply and divide and use different approaches to solving mathematical problems. They will also recap on basic mathematical skills, and the four operations, at the beginning of each math's lesson. There will be a focus upon learning all of the times tables. Please practise these at home with your child.

### Homework/Reading

Please ensure that your child is reading regularly at home. Each class has a Get Epic reading account, which is available as a downloadable app both on IOS and Android. Get Epic is a fun and exciting way for your child to enjoy reading.

Following changes at Get Epic - it is now only accessible between 7am and 4pm from home.

Please go to <https://www.getepic.com/sign-in> and choose the class code for your child:

<b>Amethyst</b>	<b>esv3970</b>
<b>Tourmaline</b>	<b>bpi8465</b>

Homework tasks, for the moment, will be set on Google Classroom.

Year 5 Class Code	<b>lxbxt6q</b>
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### Curriculum

Below is an outline of the exciting curriculum that Year 5 will be studying over Term One.

Subject	Term 1
English	Jake Atlas - Rob LLOYD Jones Information Texts Book / Film Review Play Scripts
Maths	Data Multiplication and Division

Science	Evolution and Inheritance
Computing	We are cryptographers!
Topic (History, Geography, D.T, Art)	The Mayans
R.E.	This year we are teaching RE with a whole school focus. There will be a termly whole school RE day to provide the children with rich learning opportunities.
French	Presenting ideas and information orally to an audience, Christmas and Core Vocabulary - numbers
P.E	Creative Working on static balance Floor work
Music	Charanga Unit 2 Classroom Jazz
PSHE	Celebrating Difference

### Water Bottles

It is essential that all children have a water bottle in school every day. Bottles should be left in school, but taken home on a Friday to be deep cleaned. Bottles are to be brought in on Monday morning, filled ready for the day.

### PE

Children will need to **wear** their PE kit to school on their designated PE day, which is **Wednesday**. This is to ensure it can be washed and cleaned for the following week. The kit should include a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and plimsolls. A blue/black tracksuit will be needed during the colder months should we be outside for lessons on a dry day. Long hair must be tied back with a hair band. Please can you provide a note if your child is unable to take part in PE.

Swimming is on a Tuesday afternoon for Year 5. Swimming is part of the curriculum which means **all** children need to take part. As mentioned, please provide a note for your child if they are unable to take part.

### Uniform

Children should be wearing black shoes. Black trainers are **not** acceptable. An increasing number of children are wearing these to school; please ensure that your child has the correct footwear. All children should be wearing their tie to school every day as well as their blazer. We would also like to remind you that necklaces, bracelets, large bows, bangles etc. are not part of the school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Nail varnish should also be removed.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Oswald

Mr Holliday