

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a very exciting Spring term in Year 5. I hope you all had a restful Winter holiday and are feeling refreshed!

Key Dates:

Class Assembly: Friday 9th February

Parents evenings: Tuesday 25th March and Wednesday 26th March

Reminders:

- **PE:** Our PE day this term is **Friday** (Coach Johnny).
- The correct PE kit is a navy t-shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor PE, or black plimsolls for indoor lessons.
- **Homework:** Homework is set on Fridays and collected in the following Friday. Homework is set online using [Times Table Rock Stars](#), [Doodle Maths](#) and [Spelling Shed](#). **All login details have been given out to the children.**
- Please make sure your child reads for at least **30 minutes per day** and records this in their yellow Reading Record. It is still very important that they have the opportunity to read to an adult, hear an adult read and discuss the book.
- **Reading records are checked daily and need to be in school every day.** They are also used to communicate with parents, so please do check for notes (and of course, feel free to respond).
- Links to support learning can be found on the Year 5 page of our school website: www.stjohnuspperholloway.co.uk.

If you would like to meet me to discuss anything, please feel free to make an appointment for after school.

Miss Rushworth and the Y5 Team

St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School

'Love each other as I have loved you' – John 15:12

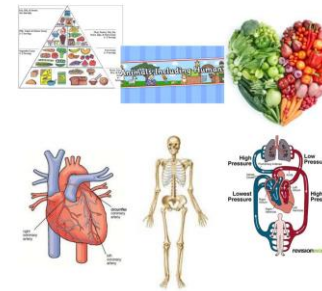


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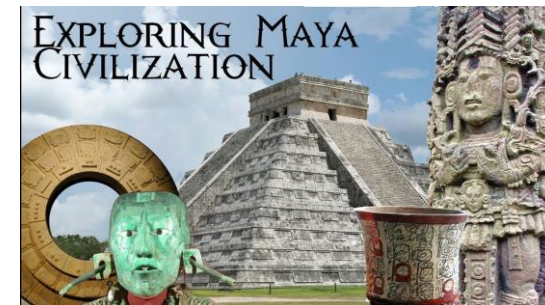
Our science topics this term are:

Animals Including Humans and Living Things and their Habitats



Our History and Geography topic this term is:

The Ancient Maya and Comparing a UK and non-UK area



Humanities

Key Question

‘Were the Maya a successful civilisation?’

In our humanities lessons, we will explore the ancient civilisation of the Mayans. We will look at where this civilisation began, how they lived, what they ate, what their cities were like and their religion and beliefs. We will also look at the fall of the Mayans and changes that happened including the Spanish invasion. We will explore a range of artefacts, historical sources, maps and pictures to establish facts about this period in history. We will also think about how the UK and areas of Central America are similar and different.

Art and DT

Our design and technology project this term is to explore the making of chocolate by creating recipes and creating our own ancient Mayan masks from different materials as part of our collage work.

Music

Our topic in music this term is pop music, where we will focus on the song ‘Make You Feel My Love’ sung by Adele. We will then move on to old-school hip-hop and focus on the song ‘Fresh Prince of Bel-Air’ by Will Smith and Jazzy Jeff.

PSHE

In our PSHE lessons, we will focus on children’s physical and mental well-being in the media and then move on to look at the risks and dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

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English



In English, we are focusing on these key texts. We will explore characters, motives and contexts of the texts in depth through a variety of different activities. We will use drama, role play, writing tasks and artwork to convey different aspects of each book. Please remember to make sure that your child is reading for at least 30 minutes every day. This will significantly improve your child’s progress in English and means that they can access all other subjects in much more depth if they are a confident reader.

RE

This term in RE, we are learning about Sikhism where we will explore their religious texts, place of worship and religious festivals. We will then move on to learn about what happens in churches during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

PE

This term in PE, the children will work with Coach Johnny on different aspects of gymnastics and then move on to athletics.

Science

Key Question

‘How do we change as we grow older?’

And

‘How do life cycles vary for different animals?’

In our science lessons this term, we will focus on the human life cycle and how humans change as they grow. We will explore the changes during puberty and old age. We will then move on to explore the life cycles of different types of animals.

Maths

Our Maths topics this term are multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and percentages, statistics and measurement.

In order for children to be successful with their Maths learning this term, please make sure they are practising all of the times tables up to 12x12. 10 minutes of practise on Times Tables Rockstars and doing a 5-a-day on Doodle Maths each day can have a huge impact on your child’s Maths learning and confidence.

Computing

In computing this term, we are exploring e-safety to ensure the children are always behaving safely when using technology. Then we will explore how to use and create databases and spreadsheets. Following this, we will then learn to create educational quizzes using coding.