

Stow Heath Primary School

Year 5 Autumn Term 1st Half

Our Topic is - 'Rites and Rituals'

In History, we will be learning about the Mayan civilisation. We will be researching the Mayan hierarchy, their beliefs and their everyday life. We will also find out what the Mayans discovered and how it has impacted on our lives today.

In Geography, we will be exploring different types of maps and finding out about the countries of North America and South America.

In DT, we will be exploring different types of packaging, looking specifically at how it was made and decorated. We will then design, make and evaluate our own box to hold chocolates.

In Science, we are examining and comparing the lifecycles of different animals



Literacy

- Throughout the half term, the children will be reading a variety of genres including stories, poems, posters, information texts and instructions.
- They will be learning to have a deeper understanding of what they are reading and identify inference within the text.
- Children will become confident writers by using adventurous language and finding interesting ways to open sentences that make it interesting for the reader.
- ~~Trying hard to improve presentation~~

Numeracy

During this half term the children will be focusing on the following topics -

- Place Value - reading and writing numbers, ordering and comparing numbers and rounding.
- Add and subtract numbers using a written method and mental methods to solve problems
- Multiply and divide numbers using a written method, including mental methods to solve problems
- Statistics - reading and interpreting information in tables and timetables
- Area and Perimeter - measuring the perimeter of rectilinear shapes and calculating the area of rectangles.



Reminders

Commando Joe - 5B & 5F - Monday

PE - 5B & 5F - Thursday

- **PE & Commando Joe kit:** - White T-shirt, black shorts, trainers and black pumps in a bag with all items named.
- Children are encouraged to bring a separate water bottle to be kept in the classroom that contains only water. As part of the **food standards** parents **should not** send flavoured water or squash.
- Please send in homework for Friday and help your children to learn their spellings for a test every Friday.

Key Dates for this half term

28th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning

17th October - Parents Evening

24th October 2pm - Open session for parents for Harvest activities

5th November - School closed for INSET

14th December 2pm - Year 5 Christmas Concert

18th December - Christmas dinner and jumper day