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## Spring 1 Parents' Overview

Dear Parent/Carer,

After an exciting half term packed full with new learning opportunities, we are ready to face more challenges as we continue on our engaging, interactive learning journey.

This half term we are extremely lucky to welcome Mr Linton who will be working alongside Miss Walker in year 5 each morning. This gives us even more opportunities to provide targeted support to accelerate progress of all pupils.

Year 5 will submerge themselves in a new topic; the Mayans which is captivating. From Mayan ball games to chocolate the children will explore the daily life of this fascinating civilization. This half term, we will be using our modelling skills to create alien characters for our own narrative. Then we will bring the narrative to life by using Stop Motion to produce an animation.

PE will change slightly to Tuesday and a Friday, pupils are reminded that they must have their full PE kit for these days. I would, however, recommend that PE kits be left in school for the week and washed as required.

Last half term, we shared some of our inspiring learning experiences on our class blog and we will continue to do so. We also use our class Blog to share weekly spellings and homework. We have also developed a feature where pupils can submit their homework via the Blog. You can access this resource via our class page on the school website; <http://iveson-primary.co.uk/class-pages/>.

If you have any queries or questions about your child's learning or well-being, please do not hesitate to contact me or, for a longer appointment, please speak to the office to arrange a convenient time. I am always happy to help.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Year 5  
Miss Walker and Mr Linton



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## English

Our book, this half term, is the adventure packed **George's Secret Key to the Galaxy**. We will develop our writing skills by exploring the use of time conjunctions, complex sentences, apostrophes, brackets, dashes and commas to indicate parenthesis and relative clauses. In addition to this we will also be looking at Kennings and creating our own.



## Music

Children will explore The Planets 'Gustav Holst' using a wide range of musical vocabulary to accurately describe and appraise the music.



## Science

The children will learn about the movement of the Earth and other planets. They will be investigating the solar system. In addition to, describing night and day.



## DT & Art

Pupils will initially be researching Mayan patterns and artwork. They will then use this knowledge to design their own product using batik.



## Computing (computers and iPads)

Pupils will have the opportunity to create their own alien animation using Stop Motion. They will learn how to add and edit sound files to enhance their animation further.

## PSHCE

Children learn about keeping safe online. They will also learn that violence within relationships is not acceptable. Children will explore the problems that can occur when someone goes missing from home.

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## R.E.

Pupils will discuss what Christianity and Islam teach about forgiveness. Exploring the benefits and difficulties in forgiving others.

## Important Information

Children are encouraged to read at home every night in KS2 with the reward of dojos when planners are signed to show this has taken place. **Reading books** are changed as and when needed. **PE kit** is needed for **Tuesday** and **Friday**.



## Topic

Our topic this half term will be the Mayans. The children will explore Mayan life including their version of football. We will also delve into the rainforest to submerge ourselves in their cultural beliefs and daily activities.



**P.E** Pupils will be developing our social and balancing skills. They will have the opportunity to judge accurate movement.

## Maths

Children will continue to develop their understanding of fractions and how this concept relates to everyday life. This will develop further providing the children with the opportunity to use these skills to solve fraction related problems. They will also learn Roman numerals and where these are often seen in today's era. In addition to this, the children will begin used negative numbers in a variety of different contexts including temperature.