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## Spring 2 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, Mr Linton will continue to work alongside Miss Walker in year 5 each morning. This allows us to continue providing targeted support to accelerate progress of all pupils.

Year 5 will continue to 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 also begin looking into forces which includes many exciting experiments. Some of which may get messy!

PE will continue to be on a 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, maths challenges and homework. 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

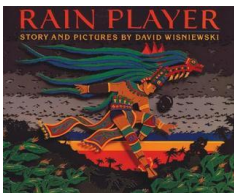


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### English

Our book, this half term, is the adventure packed **Rain Player**. We will develop our writing skills by exploring the use of relative clauses, imperative verbs, modal verbs, direct speech and brackets. In addition to this we will become reporters to create our own newspaper articles.



### 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

Pupils will learn about a wide range of emotions and feelings and how these are experienced in the body. They will also learn about times of change and how this can make people feel.

### Maths

Children will continue to develop their understanding of statistics and how this relates to everyday life. This will develop further providing the children with the opportunity to use these skills to solve problems. They will also learn about area and perimeter and how they can be used. Children will also consolidate fractions and decimals by exploring this area through a range of experiences.

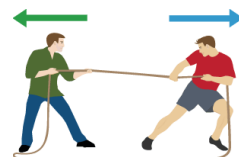
### Music

The children will focus on tribal music linked to Mayans performance with controlled and skilful playing (instrument).



### Science

The children will learn about the forces. They will conduct experiments in order to observe how forces work.



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### R.E.

Pupils will discuss the importance of Easter to Christians. They will also learn about the days which are included in this celebration.

### 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**.



### DT & Art

Pupils will initially be researching Mayan masks and their purpose. They will then use this knowledge to design their own Mayan mask.



### Topic

This half term we will continue to learn about the Maya civilisation. 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 their physical skills. They will do this through a focus on both dynamic and static balances.