

Year 5 Newsletter Spring 2

In English, we will be continuing our writing based on The Invention of Hugo Cabret. Children will develop their skills in writing narrative extracts, with an emphasis on how to 'show, not tell' the reader through vivid description of a character's emotions and the effective use of imagery. Children will later create their own books, complete with illustrations. Children will also be designing and making their own paper automata then writing their own instruction texts based on these.

In Guided Reading, children will continue to read and discuss a wide range of texts and will develop skills in skimming and scanning a text for information and inference.

Children will continue to embed their times tables knowledge and will find factors of whole numbers. They will refine their use of a formal written method (long multiplication) to solve challenging multiplication problems. Pupils will also apply thier knowledge of fractions to decimals and percentages. Before applying this to real life problems.





The children will begin learning about the Ancient Maya Civilisation. To enhance this experience we are visiting the **Chocolate Story in York**. Here pupils will learn about the history of chocolate in addition to creating thier own sweet treat.







Pupils will investigate forces and their effects; gravity, air resistance, wind resistance and friction. They will explore some mechanisms pulleys, pushes and gears and their impact on some forces. This will lead to the creation of their own fairground ride.



In Art, we will be looking at Maya statues and why they were made. We will then use the inspiration to design and produce our own statues. In PE, pupils will be developing their physical skills. They will do this through a focus on both dynamic and static balances. Our topic will focus on the Maya civilisation. The children will explore Maya life including their version of football. We will also delve into the rainforest to submerse ourselves in their cultural beliefs and daily activities.





Class Blogs: to facilitate the learning process, we regularly post learning materials online. The content of the Class Blogs will enable parents to support their child at home.



