

Welcome back! We hope that you had an enjoyable school holiday. We are looking forward to an exciting year of teaching and learning with our new year 5 and 6 pupils.

Our study topic for this term will be the ancient civilisation of The Mayans. We will incorporate Art and Design Technology into the topic by exploring Mayan vase designs and then designing, making, decorating and evaluating our own.



Books we will be exploring in the next few weeks.



PE lessons will take place on **Monday** and **Wednesday** and, as last year, children should come into school in 'PE uniform' on these days – especially as they are now older and bigger and good hygiene becomes important. Trainers should be worn on PE days (only) and regular black shoes on the other days as per our uniform policy.

The children need to take responsibility for their own belongings and it makes it easier for them (and you!) if they can identify them easily with their name clearly marked.

Year 5/6 Autumn term 1



Class Teachers

Mr Jarvis &
Mrs Robinson

If you need to discuss anything with us, please pop into the school office and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Please make sure your mobile number is up-to-date in the office.

Remember to check the school website regularly for information such as activities and dates.

It's beginning to get a little chilly during the day, especially in the mornings, so please ensure your child has the correct school jumper/cardigan to wear during the day – hoodies are not school uniform. Information on where to purchase these can be found at the office.

Your child also needs *a warm waterproof coat* in school, as playtimes are outside in almost all weathers.

Generally...

Now that your child is in Upper KS2, we expect them to take **more responsibility** for organising themselves and their belongings.

Reading at home (to you) is still a vital ingredient for reading fluency and stamina. This is one of the best ways of supporting your child at home.

Homework will be based on spellings and tasks taken from a learning grid – you may wish to help your child choose their task(s) and work with them – we try to make them fun!



A named water bottle, filled with water, please – not juice – keeps your child hydrated and clear headed.

Finally...ask your child what a Dojo is!