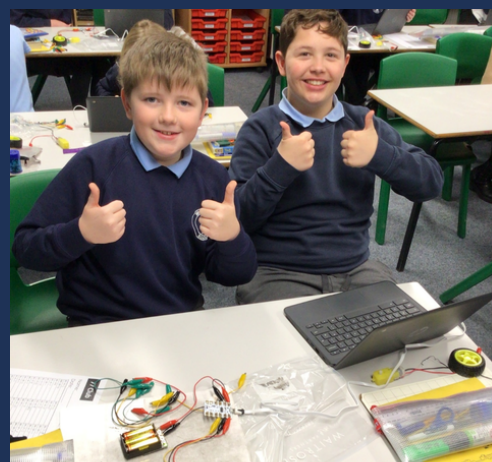


YEAR 5 SPRING 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

As we approach the holidays, it is wonderful to - once again - reflect on some of the incredible learning experiences your child/ren have undertaken this half term. Highlights have included: developing and making a bolognese sauce in our DT cooking project; writing and performing engaging 'defeating the monster' stories for our class assembly; visiting The Sainsbury Centre as part of our Ancient Mayan Civilisation history topic; getting stuck into our page-turner of a class book - Beetle Boy - and creating programmes to control a fairground ride using Crumble software in computing. Here are a few photographs but please do visit the 'Spring Gallery' on our class page on the school website for a more extensive selection of photos.



CURRICULUM

In the second half of the Spring term, Year 5 will continue to build up a picture of what life was like for the Ancient Mayans and use this information to support their investigations into why the civilisation may have gone into decline in their history lessons.

In English, we will be identifying the features of recount texts and using these to write witness reports from the point of view of fictional characters and events.

While we will continue consolidating our knowledge of fractions, we will also consider how decimals and fractions can be used to describe and represent proportions of numbers, shapes, quantities and objects. Learning in science will centre around living things and their habitats (in particular, life cycles and reproduction in humans and plants) and, in Art, the children will learn how to create monotypes (a type of print) and combine it with other techniques - such as painting and collage - to create a rainforest scene.

In PSHE, as part of our 'Healthy Me' topic, we will focus on how to keep our minds healthy by using the 'Zones of Regulation' as well as consider the types of lifestyles which can be unhealthy.

DATES AND NOTES

Thursday 29th February: Spirit of the Games - variety of Physical Activity games at the UEA (12.15-2.15) NB. Children will need to come into school in PE kit and have a packed lunch. Please see separate letter,

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day - children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters

Kestrel Reading Cafe will also be held on this day (9.00-10.00am in Kestrel Class). We hope to see as many of you as possible.

PE: After half term, the children will continue to do PE on Monday afternoons with Mrs Thacker. They will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit.