

**Wilkinson Primary School**  
**Year 5 Curriculum Overview**

**We have a very busy term ahead of us. This sheet tells you a little about the work your child will be covering during the Spring term and how you may be able to help.**

**Topics: - Science: Materials and their properties.**

**Changing Materials.**

**Topic: Mexico and Mayans.**

**RE : Hinduism and Easter.**

**Activities will include:**

The Science topic looks at the characteristics of materials, natural and man-made, and how the properties of materials determine their uses. Also changes that occur when materials are heated and cooled, separating mixtures, mixing solids and liquids, dissolving, purifying materials, reversible and non-reversible changes.

In our Topic the children will be looking at Mexico and the Mayans, their culture, rituals and sacrifices etc. The Mayans were a hard-working, sophisticated culture; including mathematicians who made use of the number zero. They were keen astronomers who were able to predict solar eclipses. Their complex calendar system was one of the most accurate of the ancient world.

Throughout this topic, not only will the children learn about the differences between modern Mexico and the UK they will also investigate Mayan culture, their beliefs; designing and making their own Mayan ritual masks. The children will listen to Mayan music as well as composing their own to accompany a ritual dance.

In RE we will look at how Hindus believe that Brahman takes on many forms which some Hindus worship as gods or goddesses in their own right. These gods are sent to help people find/understand the universal God (Brahman).

We will consider the three main Hindu deities; Brahma - creator, Vishnu-preserver, Shiva - destroyer. We will also look at how Christians celebrate Easter.

**You can help by:**

Encouraging personal research – library books, computer, TV programmes, asking adults etc. It is essential to hear your child read regularly and to ask them questions about the text to help them cope with the comprehension tests each term (please write comments in the reading record book and sign to confirm that the book has been read at home).

Helping with the weekly Literacy and Numeracy homework tasks, which will be given to compliment our classroom work. This will be given on a Thursday to be returned the following Monday. Please ensure your child returns homework on time.

Encouraging your child to learn their weekly spelling list and to write their spellings in sentences to show their understanding of their meanings.

Praising neat handwriting and ensuring homework tasks are neatly presented.

We will also be having a big drive on learning the times tables up to 12 X 12. Practising these at home will be a great help.

If your child is involved in the LEXIA programme this could be done at home as well as completing the weekly MyMaths tasks.

Ensuring that your child has appropriate named PE kit in school (shorts, T-shirt and pumps). PE will be on a Thursday and Friday.

Swimming kit needs to be brought in on Thursdays.

**If you have any queries about any of the information included on this sheet or any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to see either of us after school.**

**Thanking you for your support.**

**Mrs Bowen and Mr Hodges Year 5 Class Teachers**