



# Aspen Class Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

Staff in Class: Miss Wrench (class teacher) and Mrs Tuck.

## Message from the staff:

We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break and are ready for the new half-term ahead of us. As always, our door is always open should you have any quick questions or concerns that we can help with. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this half-term and we hope the children will be excited to share this with you. Keep an eye out on Seesaw where we will share our fantastic learning.

## RE:

In RE we will be looking at what the Christians believe about the old and new covenants. We will be specifically focusing on Abraham and how he is referred to in other religions such as Islam and Judaism.

## History:

In History we will be exploring who the May were and what knowledge we have learnt from them. We will be comparing our British history to the Mayan civilisation.



## Science:

In Science, we will be learning about properties of materials. We will explore the different properties of materials such as thermal conductors, thermal insulators and whether materials are soluble. We will also explore how mixtures can be separated using the techniques of filtering, sieving, evaporating as well as using magnets.



## Maths:

In year 5, children will continue to explore units of measurement. This will involve converting metric and imperial measurements. We continue on to measure and draw angles using a protector.

In year 6, children will be completing project work and recapping previous topics from this year.

## English:

In year 5, children will be reading the text 'The Curse of the Maya'. We will use our knowledge of the text to create fact file and a short narrative.

In year 6, our main focus will be on writing. We will be creating narratives, persuasive texts and we will be using dialogue in our work.

## VIPERS:

In VIPERS, we will be answering comprehension questions using a range of skills such as: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising.

## PE:

All children in Aspen will have PE lessons on a **Monday and Friday**.

During these sessions pupils will be improving their throwing, catching and dribbling techniques.



## PSHCE:

This term we will be looking at Changing Me. We will be exploring how our body changes and how pupils can prepare for these changes. We will be discussing 'Self-image' and 'Body image' and how we can use positive affirmations to celebrate ourselves.

If you would like to remove your child from these sessions please let the class teacher know with written consent.

## MFL:

In French, our new topic is 'Performances'. We will be applying our knowledge of café foods, nouns and general French vocabulary to create our own sketch and create a scavenger hunt.



## How parents can help at home:

Reading really accelerates children's writing so please read at home. Keep supporting your children with Seesaw and help to access homework which is set each Friday. Children are encouraged to practise their weekly spellings on Spelling Shed and multiplication recall on Times Tables Rock Stars.

## Days/Dates to remember:

Aspen PE days are on a Monday and Friday. They should come to school in their school uniform and will change in school.

Homework is set on a Friday. Children will bring home paper copies this half-term. New spellings are introduced on Mondays. Spelling tests will be on Fridays that same week.

Please ensure that reading records and books are in school daily.