

# Year 5 - Term 4 Celebration Newsletter



We have had another great term, with the children really working hard to further improve their writing. We have further tackled fractions and are gaining confidence with a range of skills in maths! Well done year 5 and keep up the fantastic work! In addition, some year 5 children were lucky enough to perform on stage for the Medway Music Festival. They sounded really fantastic and thank-you to those of you who were able to attend.

## The Mayas

We have really enjoyed the gruesome topic of the Maya civilization which we started off by learning about something the Maya people were famous for: chocolate! We especially focused on how to help rural farming communities by purchasing fair trade items. Our impression of the Mayas, however, changed as the term went on as we learned about the human sacrifices and throwing people into sink holes. You won't believe what the statue of the man on the Temple of Warriors keeps on his tray – ask your child!



## Science

Science work this term has continued to focus on **forces**. We have studied gravity, water resistance and friction and we were able to conduct our own investigations around these including a boat building competition. We've also conducted fun experiments making lava lamps and playing with oobleck!

## Maths

In Maths this term, we have revised calculation methods, angles, shape and problem solving. The children have also been introduced into Monkey Maths groups where they revise key skills every Monday morning. We urge children to keep up their work on their times tables at home.



## English

In English we have written pieces which relate to our awesome class reader – The Red Pyramid. It tells the story of Carter and Sadie, the children of famous Egyptologist Julius Kane. We will continue to read this next term. Our writing assessment this term was based around the short film 'The Road's End' which really spooked us but prompted some fantastic writing!

## Medway Music Festival

This term some of us we were lucky enough to perform on stage at the Central Theatre in Chatham as part of the Medway Music Festival. 40 children from year 5 and 4 from year 4 performed on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March in front of an audience (including some very proud parents!). A huge well done to the children – they sounded amazing!



## A sneaky peek into next term....

We will continue to study Ancient Mayas but will also be drawing a comparison between Egyptian life, too. We'll be moving on to study gods, everyday life and find out more about the strange art of mummification. We hope to visit a museum next term, to help us find out more. A letter will be sent out as soon as we have confirmed a booking.



### Egyptian vocabulary:

**Afterlife** - The place where the Ancient Egyptians believed they would go after they died.

**Ankh** - A symbol carried by the pharaohs and gods that meant "life".

**Book of the Dead** - A text that had a number of magic spells that were supposed to help a person in the afterlife.

**Canopic jars** - Special jars that held the organs of a mummy including the lungs, intestines, liver, and stomach.

**Mummy** - A dead body that has been specially preserved using embalming so that it won't rot.

### General class information:

Homework is given on Fridays and will always include pages in the child's CGP books (which should be handed in weekly) and My Maths homework online.

If there are any problems with accessing My Maths, please speak to us.

**Please ensure your child comes to school with their planners each term. This is an excellent communication tool for school and home and is relied upon for recording homework.**



Please do arrange to see us with any questions.

*Miss Lewis and Miss Spencer*