



# Ladysmith Junior School

## Year 5 Learning Letter

### Autumn Term 1 2019

Year 5 would like to welcome you back to the new school year. Every half term we will be sending out a learning letter that will give you an overview of the topics and objectives that we will be covering in school. Please use this information to support your child at home with their learning. If you require any further details about the curriculum, please contact your child's teacher.

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week. If possible, please could you send in an old t-shirt for your child to paint in?

#### **What we have planned for the first half of the autumn term**

***Our topic this term will be:*** Mayans

#### **The Big Question: Who were the Mayans?**

Year 5 will be investigating how the Mayan empire was documented. They will use geographical skills to find out where Mexico is and why the Mayans chose the Yucatan Peninsula to settle. They will also explore how Mayans traded across their empire and set up their own trading routes.

#### ***Memorable and inspiring moments, including planned trips and visits:***

- Trip to Pizza Express – Food technology
- Use a printing press to produce designs using Mayan Hieroglyphs
- Become archeologists and search for Mayan artefacts
- Build a model Cenote

#### ***Key learning in reading:***

***In whole class reading we will be focusing on the development of our VIPERS skills. We will be reading 'Rain Player' by David Wisniewski and 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. We will be learning to...***

- Give/explain the meaning of a word in context
- Make inferences from the text
- Predict what might happen next from details stated and implied
- Retrieve and record information from fiction and non-fiction texts.

#### ***Key learning in writing:***

- Expanded Noun Phrases including relative clauses
- Adverbial Phrases
- Use a range of sentence structures
- To become accurate with full stops, capitals and commas
- To work on achieving neat and joined handwriting



- Create a recount of significant events in a person's life
- Plan and write a Mayan story

***Key learning in maths:***

- Read, write, compare and order numbers up to 1,000,000
- Round numbers to 1,000,000
- Understand place value of 6 digit numbers
- Add and subtract 4 to 5 digit numbers using formal written methods
- Develop mental methods for addition and subtraction
- Use rounding and estimating to check answers
- Statistics

***Key learning in other subjects:***

- PE – Badminton, Street Surfing and Archery
- Music – Ukuleles
- Science – Materials and changing states
- ICT – Publisher, creating Mayan leaflets

***How you can help your child with their learning:***

- Listen to your child read and discuss the text and record this in your child's reading journal at least once per week. Children should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day and recording their reading daily
- Support your child to become secure with times tables and related division facts to 12x12
- Encourage neat, joined handwriting using the cursive style below.

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Throughout the term, if you have any questions or queries, please do come and see us. At the end of the term, there will be an opportunity to come in and have a look at your child's books and other work in our open afternoon.

Many thanks for your support

Year 5 Team

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