

Dear Year 5 families,  
It's hard to believe that we are in the final half term of Year 5 already! Thank you for all your support with your children's trips so far this year. Likewise, thank you for your understanding with Sports Day and the rain! Thank you for all your support with your children's home learning and ensuring your child is reading at home. We are looking forward to a busy but productive summer half-term.



**Brindishe  
Manor**

### **English:**

We will be writing biographies, a narrative piece and examining poetry. We will also be linking some of our reading and writing to the Kingdom of Benin.

### **Maths**

We will learn to calculate with decimals. This will include adding, subtracting, using both written and mental strategies. We will also practice multiplying decimals by 10, 100 and 1,000. Following that, we will learn how to calculate the perimeter and area of some shapes as well as how to convert units of measure, involving time, weight, distance etc.

**Please encourage your child to continue practising their times tables up to 12 and the related division facts. Fluency in times tables will greatly benefit their understanding of all the concepts that we are looking at this half term.**

**Science** – We will be learning about animals including humans. By the end of this unit, we should understand that all living things have a life cycle and reproduce in order to ensure the continuation of a species. We will learn that some characteristics of an organism are inherited, whereas others are acquired or learnt and that they may evolve or change over long periods of time.

**History**– Our topic this half term is the Kingdom of Benin. We will be using enquiry questions to guide our learning and children will be learning different aspects of the Oba's dynasty focusing in particular on the period from its golden age to its destruction linked with the British Punitive Expedition of 1897.

**Art** – We will be looking at a wide range of architecture from around the world. We will be using different materials and design our buildings in different scales. We will be creating and designing a dream house. We are focusing on the architecture aspect of designing a dream house.

**RE** – This half term we will be studying Christianity, we will be looking into how Christians follow a Christian life. Exploring the Christian values that guide their actions, and discussing the challenges of living a Christian life in today's society.

**Computing** – We will be learning looking at creating media. We will be exploring vector drawings. In this unit learners will find out that vector images are made up of shapes. They will learn how to use the different drawing tools and how images are created in layers. We will also explore Scratch and creating a game.

**Music** – We will be focusing on developing our composition and improvisation skills. We will exploring and playing Samba with our weekly samba lessons .

**P.E.** – This half term we will be learning tennis and various athletic events and cricket.

**Spanish:** We will be learning new vocabulary based on the theme At the Seaside.

**PSHME:** We will be learning about Allergies and how medicines can help our well-being, What hygiene routines can stop the spread of bacteria and viruses and online safety. **What is our personal identity?** Equalities Act 2010 links. **How can we express our identity and respect others identity?**

Please read with your child every day at home (20 minutes) and where possible from a variety of texts.

Your child can borrow books from our class library as often as they would like. Please remember to return these when you have finished reading them.

**PE Days: Mondays and Thursdays (Latimer) Tuesdays and Thursdays (Curie)**

Please ensure that your child wears PE kit into school on these days (t-shirt, sweatshirt, leggings/shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and trainers).

**Year 5 Home learning: Each week we will post home learning suggestions for you on our class page on WEDUC.**