



## Growing, Happy, Caring, Hearts and Minds

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break with your family and friends. We would like to say a huge thank you for the cards, gifts and well wishes we received at the end of the Christmas term.

In our topic this term we will be 'Meddling in Mesoamerica'. We will be focusing on the rise and fall of the Mayans, where in the world they lived, their religious beliefs, and Mesoamerica today. Please find enclosed a copy of the Topic Web showing our learning for the spring term.

As a reminder, our indoor PE session is on Tuesday and our outdoor PE session is on Friday. We ask the children to always come prepared every day with appropriate footwear (a spare pair of socks is always useful too) and kit for all weathers, including a water bottle, as we try to get outside as often as possible on our outdoor PE day, no matter the weather, and sometimes have to change the location or day of our PE sessions to fit in with other school activities. Please be reminded that if your child wears earrings, they must be taped or removed for PE.

Please continue to support your child with their on-going reading as we are seeing an improvement in reading in general. Reading a range of texts and reading regularly has a huge impact on literacy and writing, as well as providing fuel for young minds! We will be continuing to have 10 minutes of extra play time for those children who read at least 5 times a week and have their Reading Record signed by an adult. Please don't forget that we have class libraries from which the children can choose a reading book to take home.

We are looking forward to an exciting and busy spring term, including the Space Dome and Bike ability, details to follow!

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us using the class emails. Thank you for your continued support and help.

Best wishes,

The Year 5 Teaching Team

Mrs. Ryan (Avocet), Mr De Cruz (Lapwing), Mr Scudder (Sandpiper).