Nacton C of E Primary School

Half Termly Newsletter

Year 5 and Year 6 – Spring 1 2026

Dear families,
Happy new year! We hope you had a lovely holiday. Onto the Spring term with lots more learning to do!
Below you will find an overview of our curriculum this half term and what we will be learning in each subject. If you have any questions, please do come and speak to your class teacher.
We would like to thank you for your continued support and engagement with your child's learning.
Team Nacton

English Our English work this half term will be based on the book 'Oh Maya Gods' by Maz Evans. The children will be writing a 3rd person mystery narrative, and an information text about the history of chocolate (yum!)	**Maths** Our maths units of learning this half term are fractions, including multiply and dividing fractions, decimals, including using the four operations on decimals, area, perimeter and volume.	**Science** Our focus in science is change in materials. This includes investigating reversible changes, evaporation and how heat can change a material in different ways.
History In history, we will be learning about the Ancient Mayan Civilisation. This includes investigating how they lived, their religion and the big question of why did they all disappear?	**Computing** In computing, we will be learning about video production. The children will create their own videos, and use different techniques to edit and improve them.	**Art** In art, our unit of learning is collage. We will be using different materials to make layers, and complete our own collages.
Religious Education In RE, we learning about Hinduism, answering the enquiry question '*How do questions about Brahman and atman influence the way a Hindu lives??*'	**Physical Education** PE this half term includes dodgeball, tactics to try and attack and defend, and gymnastics, including building routines of different moves.	**PSHE** Children will be learning about Citizenship. This includes how we can be good citizens, law, order and justice and community.
Music In music, Mr Watson (our guitar teacher) will be teaching the children a range techniques on the guitar, and introducing them to play a range of songs.	**French** In French, the focus will be À la mode.	**Online Safety** We will be learning about online relationships, including who and how we should talk to people online and keeping ourselves safe.

Important dates:	Home learning expectations:
Monday 9th February and Wednesday 11th February – Parent Consultations – Booking information will follow at a later date.	**Year 5** Times table Rockstars: 15 minutes on garage per week. This will be set on Fridays for the following Fridays. Spelling Shed: 8 games of spelling shed. This will be set on Fridays for the following Friday. Homework: One piece of homework each week, varying in reading, writing, maths and research based on one of our foundation subjects. This will be set on Wednesdays for the following Wednesday. **Year 6** One topic of Maths and English completed per week on yearsix.co.uk. This is set on Wednesdays and must be completed by the following Wednesday. Times table Rockstars: 5 minutes on garage per week. This will be set on Fridays for the following Fridays. Spelling Shed: 5 games of spelling shed. This will be set on Fridays for the following Friday.