**Year 5 Bowden & Fothergill Classes**

**Newsletter: 5th January 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow – 2021 let’s hope we have a happy and healthy new year! We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term with lots of learning and fun in Year 5.

**Amazing Mayans: Humanities (History, Science and DT)**

Have you ever thought about who first studied astronomy? Who developed agriculture and engineering? And probably most importantly who introduced the world to **CHOCOLATE**? Well Year 5 will be exploring all of the amazing achievements from Mayan society from over 3000 years ago, finding out about their culture, traditions and of course creating some chocolate deliciousness!

**PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) and Computing**

To continue our work from Autumn Term, the children will be learning about British Values with a focus on discrimination. In computing they will continue to develop their programming skills, this time linked to our Amazing Mayans topic.

**Uniform and PE Kit**

Please ensure your child comes to school in the Victoria School uniform. This includes **completely black** shoes. They should bring their correct PE kit to school on a **Monday** and leave it here until **Friday** as sometimes the timetable can change and this may affect PE days. PE will still be **OUTSIDE** when possible so please make sure your child brings warm clothing for these lessons. Everything should be clearly labelled including coats and lunchboxes.

**Homework and Reading**

There is an expectation in Year 5 that **all** children have their reading diary and reading book in school every day. They will be given a suitable text from school but they should also be selecting their own books to read from home or in the classroom.

Children will be given their own homework booklet with English and maths tasks to be completed on a weekly basis. These tasks are based on learning from the Autumn term. The homework booklet will also include topic tasks for the children to work on throughout the term.

Yours sincerely,

Year 5 Team