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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope that you had a lovely Christmas break. Miss Collister, Mr Taylor-Mew, Miss Cavey and I would all like to pass on our thanks for the kind cards, presents and best wishes that we received. They are very much appreciated.

Numeracy: We will be continuing to work on fractions, which is quite a significant block in Year 5. This includes equivalent fractions, changing between mixed numbers and improper fractions as well as adding and subtracting fractions. We then move onto standard written method for division and also long and short multiplication. Times tables knowledge is essential for these topics so please continue to support your child in continuing to learn, practise and retain these.

Our topic this term is **Who were the Maya and what did they achieve?** This is a **History** based topic that contrasts British History with a non-European society by looking at the Maya, who lived in Mesoamerica. We will be learning where they lived, how we know about their society and why their cities were abandoned. Our **English** work this term will also tie in with this learning, including diary writing, instructions, narrative and information texts.

Our **Science** topic is **Properties and changes of materials**. We will dissolve, filter and evaporate materials to test and investigate properties and also look at reversible and irreversible changes.

In **PSHE**, the topic is called 'Dreams and Goals'. It will look at motivations, what our dreams and goals are and how they may differ to others, particularly those in different cultures and societies. In **Computing Science** we will be using selection in programming, using a Crumble Controller. This is a micro-controller that can be programmed by being connected to a computer. Our **Safer Internet** topic will be about online relationships and reputation: how to find support for those having online difficulties and how judgements made on someone's online presence may be incorrect.

Religious Education: The Understanding Christianity unit 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?' will be our RE focus, looking at the story of Moses.

The key vocabulary for Maths, History, Science and RE this term is included at the end of the letter.

PE: This term we will have PE on **Wednesday**. This will be tennis lessons at Tides sports hall, and a separate letter has been sent about this. Full PE kit should be worn.

Homework: As well as daily reading and spelling practice, the children will be given **homework** on a regular basis. This will cover topics already taught in class and the aim is to help consolidate and revise rather than introduce new learning. Homework is usually given out on a Wednesday and due back by the following Monday and will generally be Maths and another task. I have attached a list of this term's spellings with this letter. These will be handed out on a Monday to be tested on the following Monday.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above, or any other matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate in emailing me at bowlesm@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely, Mrs M Bowles, Miss J Collister and Mr Taylor-Mew



Key vocabulary for this term

Maths

Equivalent fraction	Common multiple	Unit fraction
Improper fraction	numerator	Non-unit fraction
Mixed number	denominator	Ascending/descending order

History

discover	tropical	glyphs
rediscover	temperate	stelae
Chichen Itza	maize	overpopulation

Science

soluble	permeable	thermal
reversible	dissolve	conductor
irreversible	solution	insulator

RE

salvation	covenant	injustice
freedom	exodus	Sabbath
justice	commandment	covet

