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**PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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## Griffon Class News Letter Spring 2nd half term 2025

### Topics this term:

**HISTORY:** We are currently studying The Maya Empire as an ancient civilisation. We will be comparing and contrasting with other ancient civilisations studied and with British society in modern times.

**SCIENCE:** We will be learning about 'Animals and Humans'. We will learn about their life cycles and different stages – from birth onwards.

**DT** – This links in with our studies of The Maya Empire – who lived in Mesoamerica from 1000BC. We will be studying the type of food they ate looking at availability and seasonality. We will be focusing on Mexican cooking, tasting and cooking some Mexican foods

**PSHE** – Relationships and diversity.

**COMPUTING** - we learn about online safety and creating text adventure games.

**RE** – Places of worship – are they necessary if God is everywhere? Looking at different religions.

**PE** is gymnastics – apparatus and invasion games.

**MUSIC** – we will be studying R&B/Soul music– listening and appraising – learning about different composers and musicians.

**FRENCH:** we have been learning about: days of the week and months etc plus special dates in the calendar asking and answering questions. Rooms in the home and names of clothes.

**PE:** These sessions continue to be held on Monday and Thursdays. Please come in kit and ensure the correct kit is worn. Thank you.

**Class Book:** We are currently reading *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty.

**Homework:** This is to be found on Purple Mash – Griffon's homework blog. Please encourage your child to look at this and complete the work set for the following Friday. Spellings are given weekly and are to be learnt for a test on a Monday. TT Rockstars is a way for the children to learn their tables and they all have passwords for this to do at home and in school. Reading for at least 10 minutes a day is recommended and we ask the children to record this in their reading diaries for checking in school. Year 6 will be bringing home practice papers for SATS and this will replace the regular homework set on Purple Mash. A practice SAT paper will be sent home on a Friday to complete at home. Please allow your child some time to complete the test unaided at first but any assistance and support you are able to give them should they require it after that would be more than welcomed. We will go through the papers together back in school. Please ensure your Yr 6 child has attempted the paper by the following Thursday to have with them on the Friday in school. Any issues/concerns please let me know.

**Blue Friction Pens or blue handwriting pens to be provided wherever possible please. We do get through quite a few!! Thanks everyone.**



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