



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Hola Mexico!

Year 6 Class Notices:

Chestnut:
Miss Breakspeare
Mrs Roberts



PE days:
Wednesday and Thursday

Forest school: every other
Tuesday.

Sycamore:
Miss Hamilton
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PE days:
Monday and Thursday

Forest school: every other
Tuesday.

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Term: Summer Two

Welcome to Mexico! Get ready to explore this unique country, from its towering temples and stunning geography to its pulsing rhythms and fun-packed festivals.

Throughout the half term, we will use a range of maps and atlases to explore Mexico, investigating the human and physical geographical features. We will also look at the impact environmental changes are having on this wonderful country—in particular its capital city!

In history, we will discover the time of the ancient Maya civilisation and explore their discoveries they made and they impact they have had.

Through art, we will explore the wonderful self portraits created by Frida Khalo. Then move on to discover the work of Thaneeya Mcardle and create our own batik inspired artwork.

To finish this half term, we will explore and learn about traditional Mexican food and ingredients. Then we will be creating our own traditional Mexican dishes, ready to be tried and tested!



English

This half term we will be reading 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan.

Whilst reading the story, we will produce diary entries and write formal reports based on the characters and their actions in the book. We will also write our own adventure narrative based on a mysterious discovery.

Linking to our creative work, we will produce a persuasive holiday brochure, persuading people to visit Mexico.



Maths

Throughout the half term, we will continue to develop our understanding of written strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, including with decimals and fractions.

We will began to develop our understanding of algebra. We will look at writing algebraic expressions and calculating unknowns in an equation.

Whilst exploring shape and measure, we will further develop our understanding of area and volume. Learning formulas to help us to calculate these.



PSHE



Over the coming weeks, we will continue to spend time doing circle time and PSHE sessions to allow the children to talk through any worries or concerns that they have—our priority is to continue to make sure that our children feel safe and happy in school. Within class, we also have our 'Thoughts and Feelings' box for the children to use at any time.

In PSHE lessons, we will explore how humans grow and mature and the changes that occur during puberty.

RE

During our RE lessons, we will investigate stories about God's relationship with people and suggest how, for some people, this helps them to make sense of life.

French

Through our French lessons, we will understand food items on a menu and order from a French menu. Read for meaning and converse wholly in French.

PE

During our PE lessons we will be practising our athletic skills, with a particular focus on throwing, jumping and running, and performing competitively in these areas. We will also practising our striking and fielding skills during rounders'.

Home Learning

Each half term, we require children to complete at least one homework project from the selection below.

Research another country in North or South America. Create a visitors guide to your chosen country.	Read about a famous Mexican festival and plan a party to celebrate the occasion.
Create a Day of the Dead mask. This could be on paper or you could make it 3D using materials such as paper mache.	Find out about famous self-portrait artists and create your own self-portrait in the style of that artist.
Design your own Mexican dish. Research popular Mexican ingredients then design your own meal to create.	Learn all about the ancient Maya writing and number system. Can you write your own message or calculation using it?
Find out about ancient Maya mythology. Read their stories and then have a go at writing your own.	Why was chocolate and corn so important in the ancient Maya civilisation?

Reading

Children are encouraged to read their chosen text from the Accelerated Reader Programme throughout the week, both at school and at home. In school, children will then be given a quiz on their chosen book so that class teacher's can see their understanding of the text.

Times tables

Use '**Times Table Rockstars**' to practise rapid recall of multiplication and division facts.

Spelling

Please practise the Year 3/4 and 5/6 common spelling words from National Curriculum Appendix (please ask your teacher for a list if you are unsure).