



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER – Spring 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a relaxing break. We have been getting ready for the upcoming term, and we are looking forward to what promises to be an exciting year.

Homework:

Please find the creative homework ideas attached.

We will be looking at mathematical reasoning, spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) and reading comprehension. Please make sure your child reads regularly. Ask your child questions to check their understanding about what they have read and to see if they can make predictions about the story. We will be practising these skills during guided reading every day but practise at home is invaluable.

With our SATs exams looming on the horizon, I will be sending home a Maths and SPAG revision SAT Buster book. This will consist of SATs style questions. This will be collected in on Tuesday morning. All homework should be completed in a timely fashion - including homework projects.

There will be **weekly spellings** to learn again. **Spellings go home on a Friday**. Use Look, cover, write and check to help your child learn these as well as asking them to remember them during your random spot checks throughout the week. Please ask your child to show you the results of their spellings. They receive their results every Friday.

Topic:

Our new topic this term will be the **Aztec**. We will be finding out where the Aztec people lived, how they lived, and learning about different aspects of their culture and beliefs. Our homework project for this term will be focused on this topic; please see overleaf for a list of useful websites and ideas to help your children complete their work.

Our **science** topic this term is **Animals including Human**. We will be looking at the circulatory system and the impact of diet, exercise and drugs on the human body.

PE:

PE is on **Wednesday and Thursday** - please ensure your child has a fully **labelled** PE kit and brings it to school on these days as this is an invaluable lesson.

What to bring in Year 6:

Your child needs to bring their Reading Journal to school every day along with their reading book. They need their musical instruments on Tuesday and/or Wednesdays and their PE kits on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please **do not** bring personal belongings such as pencil cases or toys as these items are often lost or broken at school. Your child will be encouraged to play outside in most weathers over this term so please ensure they have a coat with them every day too.

Uniform:

Please ensure your child is wearing their school uniform to school every day including black shoes or trainers.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to see me after school.

All of the best,
Mr Meza and the Year 6 team.

Homework project ideas:

Literacy	Write a diary from the point of view of one of the Mexica or Culhua-Mexica Write an advertisement for an Aztec job (<i>Like ball players? Become a priest!</i>) Write a newspaper report on the arrival of the conquistadores Write your own Aztec myth (talk about the Underworld or the sun !)
Maths	Create a recipe for Aztec food- spiced hot chocolate or guacamole Create a scale drawing of an Aztec temple
Science	Experiment: how would your body cope with an Aztec diet? Disease: learn about how common European illnesses such as the common cold killed millions of people in the Americas
Art	Create a mural in the style of Diego Rivera https://mymodernmet.com/diego-rivera-murals/ Write your name using Mayan figures https://www.mexicolore.co.uk/aztecs/ask-us/how-to-choose-an-aztec-name
D.T	Create your own Aztec temple Design a Aztec costume or headdress Create a Aztec pattern on fabric using ink Design your own Aztec calendar Create your own Aztec mask from clay
Comp.	Build a Aztec temple in Minecraft! Design a scratch game based on the Aztecs (Hunting a jaguar? Flappy Quetzal?)

Ancient Mayans: Useful websites

Useful facts and information: <https://planbee.com/blogs/news/aztecs-facts-for-ks2-children-and-teachers>

Aztec culture: <https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-americas/aztecs>

10 facts about the Aztecs: <https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/top-10-facts/top-10-facts-about-the-aztecs/>

Aztec food: <https://www.historyhit.com/mexican-food-of-the-middle-ages-what-did-the-aztecs-eat-and-drink/>

Great clips about the Aztecs-In search of the Aztecs: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0078v16/clips>

Aztec language and script:

https://www.ducksters.com/history/aztec_empire/writing_and_technology.php