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NO  
FULL STOP  
TO LEARNING**

## **YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER – Spring 2**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing half-term break and managed to avoid the very worst of the weather. Year 6 been working incredibly hard this year and they needed a well-deserved rest. We have a busy half-term ahead of us, as you will soon see.

This term our **topic** is **The Aztecs and Modern Mexico**. We will be continuing to find out about the Aztecs, and why their civilization disappeared. We will also be talking about the Spanish conquest of the Americas and how it has shaped modern-day Mexico. As part of this topic we will be designing temples, building pinatas and attempting some Mexican cooking!

Our **science** topic is **Living Things and Their Habitats**, in which we will be studying different living things and how they have been sorted and classified. We will be looking in depth at the scientist Carl Linnaeus. In Maths we will be completing our study of geometry, algebra and statistics before revising the curriculum to cover any areas the children feel unsure of. There will be **weekly spellings** to learn, which will go home in the pupils' spelling books. Use Look, cover, write and check to help your children learn these!

Please make sure your child reads regularly. Even 15 minutes of reading a day will lead to a huge improvement in their comprehension and fluency. Ask your child questions to check their understanding of what they have read and to see if they can make predictions about the story and understand character motives and feelings. Thanks to several incredibly generous donations, we have a wide range of new, interesting books in Year 6 which your children are more than welcome to take home to read.

**PE** is on **Thursday and Friday**- please ensure your child has a fully **labelled** PE kit and brings it to school on these days as this is an invaluable lesson. We are delighted to announce that Chris is returning to teach tennis every Thursday, which the children should love!

I would love as many children as possible to complete a **homework project** this half term. We had some wonderful projects last half term and given how creative and talented this class are, it would be great to see more pupils getting involved. Please see the attached list for ideas for a Mexican-themed project!

Thank you to the parents who have signed up for our Year 6 residential trip to Norfolk. The children have come up with some excellent fundraising ideas to lessen the cost of the trip- watch this space!

Finally, Year 6 will be sitting SATs exams next half term, from the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May. I will be holding a meeting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 9am to give some information about the exams and ways parents can help their children through them. This period can, unfortunately, be a stressful time for pupils and some might be feeling understandably anxious about the exams. Please be assured that we will try to ensure that the experience is as stress-free as possible. Your children's mental health and happiness are far, far more important to us than any exam result.

Dates for the diary:

Parent SATs workshop: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 9:00am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment for Year 6 trip: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Parents evening (face to face): Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
FINAL INSTALMENT FOR SCHOOL TRIP: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

**Kind regards,  
Chris Marley and Natasha Harriott**

<b>Literacy</b>	<p>Write a diary from the point of a child in Mexico City.  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWRd-D631DU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWRd-D631DU</a></p> <p>Write an advertisement for the Mexican tourist board encouraging people to visit Mexico</p> <p>Create your own version of La Peor Senora del Mundo (The Worst Woman in the World)  <a href="https://www.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/2901_bc-mexico-education_pack-08_2.pdf">https://www.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/2901_bc-mexico-education_pack-08_2.pdf</a></p> <p>Try your hand at writing a poem in Spanish!</p> <p>Create a poster about Dia de los Muertos</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>Create a recipe for some authentic Mexican food (the BBC Good Food website has great ideas)</p> <p>Use your knowledge of measurement and money to plan and budget for a trip to Mexico.</p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>Create a habitat box for a Mexican animal</p> <p>Find out about critically endangered animals in Mexico and what can be done to help them.</p>
<b>Art</b>	<p>Create some skeleton art in the style of Jose Guadalupe Posada  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jos%C3%A9_Guadalupe_Posada">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jos%C3%A9_Guadalupe_Posada</a></p> <p>Draw a portrait of a family member in the style of Frida Kahlo.</p>
<b>D.T</b>	<p>Create your own Day of the Dead skull.  <a href="https://happythought.co.uk/balloon-calavera-skulls/">https://happythought.co.uk/balloon-calavera-skulls/</a></p> <p>Build a pinata!  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWt1tt5cxyc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWt1tt5cxyc</a></p> <p>Make your own Mexican wrestling mask.  <a href="https://happythought.co.uk/make-lucha-libre-masks/">https://happythought.co.uk/make-lucha-libre-masks/</a></p> <p>Construct your own mariachi band from toilet rolls!  <a href="https://cafemom.com/parenting/184500-10_colorful_cinco_de_mayo">https://cafemom.com/parenting/184500-10_colorful_cinco_de_mayo</a></p>
<b>Comp.</b>	<p>Build a famous Mexican building in Minecraft. Use this for ideas:  <a href="https://www.visitmexico.com/en/types-of-tourism-in-mexico/pueblos-magicos-magical-towns">https://www.visitmexico.com/en/types-of-tourism-in-mexico/pueblos-magicos-magical-towns</a></p>
<b>Music</b>	<p>Can you learn a famous mariachi song?  <a href="https://kidworldcitizen.org/mexican-mariachi-music/">https://kidworldcitizen.org/mexican-mariachi-music/</a>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIPF6R8E1Fc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIPF6R8E1Fc</a></p>