



**THERE'S
NO
FULL STOP
TO LEARNING**

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a great half-term break and Year 6. They have all been working incredibly hard since we have returned to school 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 the enormous effect it had on the rest of the world. As part of this topic we will be designing our own floating version of the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan, looking at the art of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera 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. A spelling investigation will go home on a **Monday** in the back of their reading journals. We will be using different sounds for these investigations, which we hope will aid their reading as they progress onto Year 7.

PE is on **Mondays and Fridays**- please ensure your child has a fully labelled PE kit and brings it to school on these days as this is an invaluable lesson. This term we will be learning cricket on Mondays and hockey on Fridays with Moving Matters. As the weather is getting hotter (and the children are getting bigger), please ensure your child brings a roll-on deodorant with them on PE days, as the class can smell a bit ripe after our PE sessions.

Dates for the diary:

Parents Evening- Thursday 29th April/ Wednesday 5th May

Bank Holiday Monday- Monday 3rd May

Polling Day- Thursday 6th May

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

Kind regards,
Chris Marley, Natasha Harriott and Kate Hartill

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| Literacy | <p>Write a diary from the point of view of one of the Maya</p> <p>Write an advertisement for an Aztec job (Like chopping off heads? Become a priest!)</p> <p>Write a newspaper report on the arrival of the conquistadores</p> <p>Write your own Aztec myth (talk about the Underworld!)</p> |
| Maths | <p>Create a recipe for Aztec food- spiced hot chocolate or guacamole</p> <p>Create a scale drawing of a Aztec temple</p> <p>Write about the Aztec Base 20 number system</p> |
| Science | <p>Experiment: how would your body cope with an Aztec diet?</p> <p>Disease: learn about how common European illnesses such as the common cold killed millions of people in the Americas</p> |
| Art | <p>Create a mural in the style of Diego Rivera</p> <p>http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/arts/la-ca-cm-diego-rivera-bowers-20151206-story.html</p> <p>Write your name using Aztec figures</p> <p>http://www.paleoaliens.com/event/Aztec_glyphs/</p> |
| D.T | <p>Create your own Aztec temple</p> <p>Design a Aztec costume or headdress</p> <p>Create a Aztec pattern on fabric using ink</p> <p>Design your own Aztec calendar</p> <p>Create your own Aztec mask from clay</p> |
| Comp. | <p>Build an Aztec temple in Minecraft!</p> <p>Design a scratch game based on the Maya (trying not to get head chopped off? Hunting a jaguar? Flappy Quetzal?)</p> |

Ancient Aztecs: Useful websites

Useful facts and information:

<http://aztecs.mrdonn.org/>

Further information about Aztec culture:

http://www.ducksters.com/history/aztec_maya_inca.php

Google maps now offers "Street view" for Teotihuacan, a UNESCO world heritage site!

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Interactive Aztec calendar:

<http://maya.nmai.si.edu/calendar/maya-calendar-converter>

Aztec language and script:

<https://www.omniglot.com/writing/nahuatl.html>