



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Hola Mexico!

Year 6 Class Notices:

Chestnut:
Mrs Jones
Mrs Lockett



PE days:
Tuesday and Wednesday

Sycamore:
Mrs Stewart
Mr Godridge



PE days:
Wednesday and Friday

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Key Dates

**13th - 17th November—
Laches Wood**

**13th May - 16th May—KS2
SATS**

Term: Autumn One

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.

We will also:

- Read, write, compare and round numbers to 10, 000, 000.
- Use negative numbers in context and calculate intervals across zero.
- Solve multi step problems involving place value.
- Solve multi step problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.



PSHE

Over the coming weeks, we will spend time doing circle time and PSHE sessions to allow the children to talk through any worries or concerns that they have. Within class, we also have our 'Thoughts and Feelings' box for the children to use at any time.

In PSHE lessons, we will be looking at how our thoughts and emotions change as we get older and how we can deal with these emotions. We will also be looking at ways to make ourselves and others feel more valued.



RE

During our RE lessons, we will be exploring commitment. We will look at the commitments we have in our own lives, and compare those to the commitments religious followers have to their faith.

French

Through our French lessons, we will explore the vocabulary used to discuss our hobbies and how we spend our weekends. We will also be able to express our opinions about different daily activities.

PE

During our PE lessons we will explore movement and balance in gymnastics. We will also participate in invasion games, developing our team work and game tactics.

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).