

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic 'Hola Mexico!' will take us on a journey to central America, where we'll learn about the Ancient Mayans, and then find out about Mexico today, including its physical features, population, food and festivals. Please find attached some additional resources and information about our topic.

For our Year 6 children, we have a busy half term, with SATs week in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May, followed by a residential visit to Adventure Bude in the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May. For some of our Year 6 children, there will also be the opportunity to complete the Exmoor Challenge.

In maths, we'll be learning about ratio, algebra, angles, graphs and statistics. We will also have the opportunity to practise solving reasoning questions in a similar style to those found in the KS2 SATs tests. The games on Google Classroom which help to develop fluency in fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents are really useful again this term. As always, children will rely heavily on their recall of multiplication facts, so the more practise they can get on TTRS, the better. Look out for more competitions this half term to get everyone motivated! <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

Our learning in Science will be focused on biology. We will learn about the circulatory system and making choices for a healthy and balanced lifestyle. In RE, we will be investigating the question, "What does it mean to be Muslim in Britain today?" as we explore the faith of Islam and consider where a Muslim might seek guidance in life. We are really lucky to be able to work with Laura Butcher this half term to complete a pottery project based around our learning about the Maya. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to benefit from Laura's skill and experience.

We'll also be continuing links with our partners at Sanjivani International School in Mumbai. This half term, we will be making contact with an email partner from Mumbai as a follow-up to the gift boxes which have already been exchanged between our two school so far this year.

Homework will continue to have the same format and structure this term. New tasks will be set each week on a Thursday, and will be due in the following Thursday. Children in Year 5 and Year 6 have maths, spelling and reading record tasks to complete. Children in Year 6 will also be given an additional reading comprehension task.

As we approach the Year 6 SATs tests in May, we will also be spending some time in class looking at what these test papers might look like. This is to reassure children about the content of the tests and to help them in their preparation for sitting a more formal exam. By looking at similar questions together in class, in a supportive and collaborative way, there should be nothing unfamiliar or worrying about the SATs tests when they come around.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning, please do get in touch via email at [admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk) or feel free to find me on the playground at the end of the school day!

Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Nott

